

**2018 - 2019**

**Missouri Benefits and Resource Guide  
FOR VETERANS & MILITARY**







IN HONOR OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
AND THOSE WHO FOUGHT  
“THE GREAT WAR”  
1914-1918



This booklet is designed to bring together all benefits available by the State of Missouri as well as briefly cover related services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

This benefits guide is a constant work in progress as new benefits become available to Veterans and their dependents. The most current version can be found online at [www.mvc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov). Look under “Popular Links” on the website.

# If You Have Ever Served In The MILITARY...



## Have You...

### ★ Visited with a Veterans Service Officer?

Visit with a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to discuss benefits you may have earned because of your service. Visit [www.mvc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov) or call 1-866-VET-INFO to find a VSO near you or visit your local Veterans Service Organization to speak with a VSO.

### ★ Signed up for VA Health Care?

The VA has highly trained physicians and clinicians that allow the VA to address many specialties. Healthcare benefits for eligible veterans include primary care, specialty care, mental health, prescriptions, prosthetics, etc. Visit [www.VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov) or your VSO for more information and how to apply.

### ★ Joined a Veterans Service Organization?

There are many reasons to join a Veterans Service Organization. Members of these organizations enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Veterans. Members are also the most informed Veterans, especially when it comes to new benefits and legislation that will impact the Veteran population. To view a listing of members of the Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO), visit [www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/mavo.asp](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/mavo.asp)





Dear Fellow Veteran,

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Missouri, I want to thank you for your service. We owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans, those currently serving in the military, and the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country.

As Governor, it is important to me that veterans, military service members, and their families receive the benefits and services they've earned. The State of Missouri strives to offer the best benefits and services possible. This benefits guide is an excellent resource for helpful contact information, including links to programs and services provided by the state to improve the lives of Missouri's veterans and military members.

I am honored to serve as your Governor, and thank you for your commitment, dedication, and service to our nation. May God bless you, God bless the great State of Missouri, and God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,  
Michael L. Parson  
Governor





Dear Veteran,

As the new Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission and a fellow veteran, I am pleased to present the 2018-2019 Edition of the Missouri Benefits and Resource Guide for Veterans & Military.

I hope you will use this guide to assist you in accessing various benefits available to veterans, active military personnel, and their families. There are many different benefits available – you may be surprised to learn about benefits you did not know about.

The Missouri Veterans Commission is “Always on Mission” in service to veterans. Our mission is to be the **FIRST CHOICE** in Skilled Nursing Care; **ENDURING CHOICE** in Benefits Assistance; and **PROVEN CHOICE** in a Dignified Resting Place.

Our success depends on placing the **“Right People in the Right Place with the Right Skills at the Right Time.”**

If you are not familiar with the services offered by the MVC, please visit our website at [www.mvc.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.mo.gov). or contact our office at 573-751-3779 or at [movets@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:movets@mvc.dps.mo.gov).

On behalf of over 6 million citizens of the State of Missouri, thank you for your service and sacrifice!

Grace Link  
Executive Director  
Missouri Veterans Commission  
**One Mission \* Serving Veterans**

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The Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) is a state agency established by Missouri Statute to aid all Veterans, their dependents, and legal representatives by providing information regarding the rights of Veterans and their dependents and to assist Veterans accessing their available benefits through State and Federal Government.

### **Our Mission**

MVC is “Always on Mission” to serve Veterans as the FIRST CHOICE in Skilled Nursing Care; ENDURING CHOICE in Benefits Assistance; and PROVEN CHOICE in a Dignified Resting Place.

### **Our History**

Missouri has a long tradition of honoring and serving its Veterans. This tradition started in 1897, when the State took over operations of the Federal Soldiers Home in St. James and the Confederate Soldiers Home in Higginsville. These homes were initially managed by the Board of Eleemosynary Institutions, and later by the Department of Health and Welfare until 1950 when the Confederate Home closed, and 1974 when the Federal Home in St. James was transferred to the Division of Veterans Affairs.

MVC has its roots in the passage of House Bill 493 which in 1931 established the first State Service Officer. Over the years, this office has expanded and changed from one Service Officer, to the Division of Veterans Affairs after World War II, to its replacement by the 1989 creation and establishment of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Today, the Missouri Veterans Commission manages seven long term skilled nursing homes, five state Veterans cemeteries, provides benefits assistance through its Service Officers, assists Veterans through a Veterans Resource Coordinator and has programs for Veterans Outreach, Minority Veterans, Women Veterans, and Incarcerated Veterans.



Veterans Service Officers (VSO) are located throughout the state and can assist you if you are a Veteran, widow/widower of a Veteran, child of a deceased or disabled Veteran, or a parent who has lost a son or daughter in military service.

Service officers provide counseling and assistance when you have questions about compensation, pensions, education benefits, life insurance, medical benefits, state benefits, and burial benefits.

These trained professionals will also assist with completing and submitting claims applications to the VA to make sure all necessary documentation is attached.

A VSO will maintain your casefile in confidence and is always available to provide information, referrals, and advocate on your behalf.

Missouri Veterans Commission service officer locations can be found on the following pages as well as online at <http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/serviceofficer>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call 573-751-3779 and a Missouri Veterans Commission employee will assist you in finding your local Veterans Service Officer.

Many Veterans Service Organizations also have service officers available. Check with your local posts or contact the service organizations listed on page 18-19 to find the nearest service officer.



*Picture by Daniel Bell, Missouri Veterans Commission*



**Veterans  
Service  
Region  
Northwest**

**Veterans Service  
Region Southwest**



# MVC Regional Supervisor Offices

## Northeast

Adair County Courthouse  
106 West Washington, 1st Floor  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
660-785-2460

## Southeast

901 Progress  
Farmington, MO, 63640  
573-218-6130

## Northwest

525 Jules, Room 320  
St. Joseph, MO, 64501  
816-387-2841

## Southwest

St Robert Municipal Center  
194 Eastlawn Ave, Suite E  
St Robert, MO 65584  
573-451-2533

## St. Louis

Prevedel Federal Building  
9700 Page Ave., Room #R1-109  
St. Louis, MO 63132  
314-253-4450



# MVC Northeast Region County Coverage

*Call for hours and alternate locations*

Adair, Knox, Putnam,  
Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan

Adair County Courthouse  
106 West Washington, 1st Floor  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
660-785-2460

Audrain, Montgomery

Missouri Veterans Home  
#1 Veterans Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573-581-1088 ext. 1258

Cole, Gasconade Maries,  
Moniteau, Osage

205 Jefferson Street, 12th Floor  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
573-751-3779

St. Charles, Warren

St. Charles County Admin Bldg.  
201 N. Second St., Ste. 323  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
636-949-7900 ext. 7210 or 7213

Boone, Callaway,  
Cooper, Howard

601 Business Loop 70 W,  
Suite 214A  
Columbia, MO 65203  
573-882-5135

Chariton, Linn, Macon,  
Monroe, Randolph

3029 County Road 1325  
Moberly, MO 65270  
660-263-4960

Clark, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion,  
Pike, Ralls, Shelby

203 North 6th St.  
Hannibal, MO 63401  
573-248-2550

# MVC Northwest Region

## County Coverage

*Call for hours and alternate locations*

Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan,  
Clay, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway,  
Platte, Worth

Missouri State Office Building  
525 Jules, Room 320  
St. Joseph, MO 64501  
816-387-2841

Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton,  
Daviess, Dekalb, Grundy,  
Harrison, Livingston, Mercer

Missouri Veterans Home  
1111 Euclid  
Cameron, MO 64429  
816-649-1684

Cass, Jackson

3675 S. Nolan Road, Ste. 125  
Independence, MO 64055  
816-325-5882/816-325-5883

Benton, Pettis, Saline

816 Westwood  
Sedalia, MO 65301  
660-530-5544

Henry, Johnson, Lafayette, Ray

Missouri Veterans Home  
1300 Veterans Road  
Warrensburg, MO 64093  
660-543-7930

Camden, Miller, Morgan

City Hall Basement  
1000 City Parkway  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
573-348-2641

Bates, Cedar, Hickory,  
St. Clair, Vernon

621 E. Highland Ave, Suite #4  
Nevada, MO 64772  
417-448-1133

# MVC Southeast Region County Coverage

*Call for hours and alternate locations*

Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid,  
Pemiscot, Scott, Stoddard

106 Arthur Drive  
Sikeston, MO 63801  
573-472-5350

Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon

3417 Division Drive, Ste. 5  
West Plains, MO 65775  
417-256-3452

Bollinger,  
Cape Girardeau, Perry,

Missouri Veterans Home  
2400 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
573-986-4032

Jefferson, Franklin

Cross Creek Office Center  
3675 West Outer Road, Suite 205B  
Arnold, MO 63010  
636-287-1721

Crawford, Dent, Phelps

Missouri Veterans Home  
620 N. Jefferson  
St. James, MO 65559  
573-265-3271 ext. 245 or 276

Butler, Carter, Ripley, Wayne

614 Lindsay Ave, Ste. 1B  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
573-840-9770

Iron, Madison,  
Reynolds, St. Francois,  
Ste. Genevieve, Washington

901 Progress Drive, Suite #102  
Farmington, MO 63640  
573-218-6130

# MVC St. Louis Region County Coverage

*Call for hours and alternate locations*

## St. Louis County

Missouri Veterans Home  
10600 Lewis and Clark Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63136  
314-340-6389 Ext 242 or 428

## City of St. Louis

Prevedel Federal Building  
9700 Page Ave., Room #R1-109  
St. Louis, MO 63132  
314-253-4450



# MVC Southwest Region County Coverage

*Call for hours and alternate locations*

Barton, Jasper,  
McDonald, Newton

730 S. Wall Ave.  
Joplin, MO 64801  
417-629-3538

Barry, Dade, Lawrence

Missouri Veterans Home  
1600 South Hickory  
Mt Vernon, MO 65712  
417-466-7103

Laclede, Pulaski, Texas, Wright

St. Robert Municipal Center  
194 Eastlawn Ave., Suite E  
St. Robert, MO 65584  
573-451-2533

Christian, Dallas,  
Greene, Polk, Webster

1410 S. Kansas Expswy Rm. 115  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417-895-6532

Douglas, Stone, Taney

3044 Shepard of the Hills  
Expressway, Ste. 106  
Branson, MO 65616  
417-320-6150

# Veteran Service Organization

## Service Officer Locations

Many Veterans Service Organizations have service officers available to assist Veterans in applying for benefits. Contact local veterans service organizations for more information on the availability of their service officers. Veterans Service Organizations also maintain a presence at the VA hospitals and other locations in Missouri. Listed below are those locations and the organizations at that address.

### Columbia, MO

VA Medical Center  
800 Hospital Drive  
Columbia, MO 65201  
Phone: (573) 814-6000



### Kansas City, MO

VA Medical Center  
4801 Linwood Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
Phone: (816) 861-4700



### Kansas City, MO

3027 Walnut  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
Phone: (816) 561-8387



### Mt. Vernon, MO

VA Outpatient Clinic  
600 N Main  
Mount Vernon, MO 65712  
Phone: (417) 466-4000



### Poplar Bluff, MO

VA Medical Center  
1500 N. Westwood Blvd  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
Phone: (573) 686-4151



## Springfield, MO

1708 E. St. Louis Street  
Springfield, MO 665802  
Phone: (417) 831-2463



## Springfield, MO

940 Boonville, Room 023  
Springfield, MO 65802  
Phone: (417) 868-4000



## St. Louis, MO - Jefferson Barracks

VA Medical Center  
1 Jefferson Barracks Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63125  
Phone: 314-652-4100



## St. Louis, MO - John Cochran

VA Medical Center  
915 North Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63106  
Phone: 314-652-4100



## St. Louis, MO - VA Regional Office

400 South, 18th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
Phone: 800-827-1000



# Veterans Benefits Administration



*Photo courtesy St. Louis GSA/VARO*

St. Louis VA Regional Office  
Prevedel Federal Building  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63132  
800-827-1000

In partnership with the Veterans Health Administration and the National Cemetery Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides benefits and services to the Veterans and their families.

The St. Louis VA Regional Office (VARO) provides the full range of benefits and services to the approximately 434,000 Veterans and dependents residing in the State of Missouri.

As one of four Regional Processing Offices (RPO), the Education Division administers all education benefits to Veterans, servicemembers and dependents residing in 16 states including Missouri.



**Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/  
Operation New Dawn Returning Service Members**  
<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

Have you recently returned from military service? If you've served, you've earned benefits. Now is the time to take advantage of the benefits VA offers OEF/OIF/OND Veterans.

Do You Want to Go Back to School?

VA pays benefits to eligible Veterans, reservists and active duty service members while they are in an approved education or training program.

Are You Looking for a Good Job?

Take advantage of the variety of resources to help you land one.

5 Years of Cost Free Health Care

OEF/OIF/OND combat Veterans can receive cost free medical care for any condition related to their service in the Iraq/Afghanistan theater for five years after the date of their discharge or release.

180 day dental benefit

OEF/OIF/OND combat Veterans may be eligible for one-time dental care — but you must apply with 180 days of your separation date from active duty.

Find Family Support at Vet Centers

If you have served in ANY combat zone, local Vet Centers can help you and your family with readjustment counseling and outreach services — for free.

**Education Benefits**

For information on federal education benefits, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). You can also check page 47 for more education benefits.

## **VA Home Loan Guaranty Program**

The VA Loan Guaranty Service within the Veterans Benefits Administration is charged with the responsibility of administering the home loan program. It's mission is to help veterans and active duty personnel purchase and retain homes in recognition of their service to the Nation. The VA Regional Loan Center that covers Missouri is located in St. Paul, Minnesota

VA Regional Loan Center  
1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling  
St. Paul, MN 55111-4050  
1-800-827-3702

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/stpaul/regional-loan-center.asp>

## **Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment**

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

Veterans and Servicemembers may receive Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching.

Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

Eligible Veterans and Servicemembers may apply for either Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits or for Education/Career Counseling on-line through eBenefits at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>.

# Veterans Administration Health Care

VA provides a Medical Benefits Package to all enrolled Veterans. This comprehensive plan provides a full range of preventive outpatient and inpatient services within VA health care system. Also, once you enroll in the VA's health care system, you can be seen at any VA facility across the country.

VA applies a variety of factors in determining Veterans' eligibility for health care enrollment, but once a Veteran is enrolled, that Veteran remains enrolled in the VA health care system.

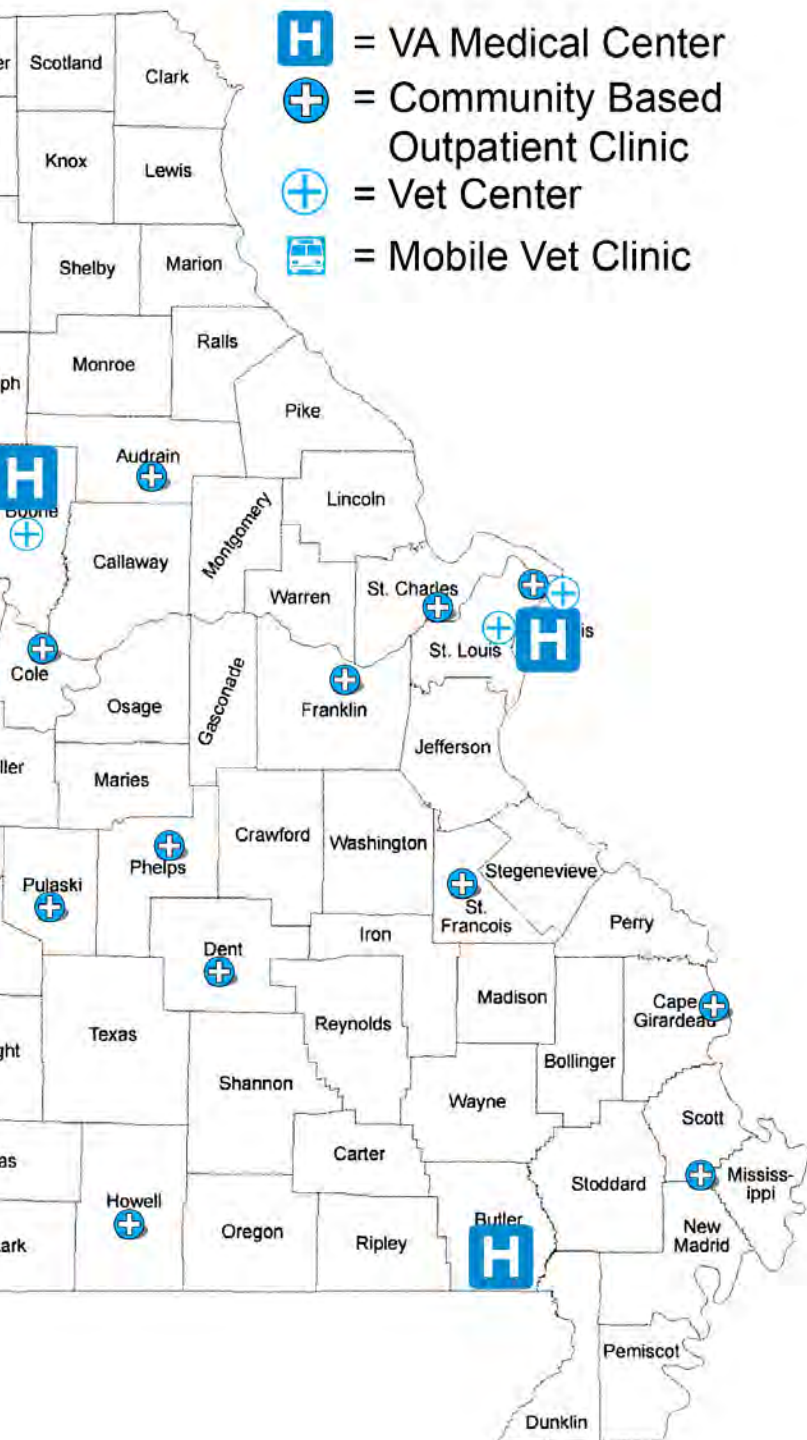
There are many ways a Veteran may qualify to receive VA health care at over 1,400 medical centers and clinics across the nation. The VA has highly trained physicians and clinicians that allow the VA to address many different health issues. You may also be able to receive assistance with prescription medication. Once enrolled, you may receive care at your home facility as well as the nearest VA facility while traveling.



*Photos courtesy Truman VA Medical Center*







# VA Medical Centers Serving Missouri Veterans

## Columbia

Harry S Truman Memorial  
800 Hospital Drive  
Columbia, MO 65201-5297  
573-814-6000

## St. Louis

Jefferson Barracks Division  
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive  
Saint Louis, MO 63125  
314-652-4100

## Kansas City

Kansas City VA Medical Center  
4801 Linwood Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
816-861-4700

## St. Louis

John Cochran Division  
915 North Grand Blvd.  
Saint Louis, MO 63106  
314-652-4100

## Poplar Bluff

John J. Pershing Medical Center  
1500 N. Westwood Blvd.  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
573-686-4151

## Fayetteville, AR

Veterans HCS of the Ozarks  
1100 North College Avenue  
Fayetteville, AR 72703  
479-443-4301

## Leavenworth, KS

Eisenhower VA Medical Center  
4101 4th Street Trafficway  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
913-682-2000



# VA Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC)

To schedule an appointment with the MMC, please call  
816-861-4700 x52977 Or 1-800-525-1483 x52977

## Bolivar, MO

Howard S. Keeling Amer. Leg. Post  
1424 W Broadway  
4th Thursday of every month

## Chillicothe, MO

Livingston County Courthouse  
700 Webster Street  
1st & 3rd Monday of every month

## Carrollton, MO

Community Center/Fire Dept.  
710 Harvest Hills Drive  
2nd Thursday of every month

## Trenton, MO

Wright Memorial Hospital  
189 Iowa Blvd  
Every Tuesday

## Osceola, MO

Osceola Senior Center  
5215 Business Hwy 13  
3rd Wednesday of every month

## Missouri VA Vet Centers

Vet Centers are run by the VA, but separate from the medical centers. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through some of the major adjustments in lifestyle that can occur after combat and are designed to help all Veterans.

Vet Center services include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, suicide prevention referrals, bereavement counseling, VA benefits assistance, employment counseling, community resources and educational opportunities.

## National Contact Information

[www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)  
Phone: 1-877-927-8387

## Springfield Vet Center

3616 S. Campbell  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417-881-4197

## Columbia Vet Center

4040 Rangeline Road, Suite 105  
Columbia, MO 65202  
Phone: 573-814-6206

## St. Louis Vet Center

2901 Olive  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-531-5355

## Kansas City Vet Center

4800 Main Street, Suite 107  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
Phone: 816-753-1866

## Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC)

CBOCs are VA operated medical facilities throughout the state that offer primary care services to eligible Veterans. A CBOC provides services that may include, but are not limited to: routine physical examinations, immunizations, prescription of medications, on-site laboratory and x-ray services, women's care, referral to specialists and/or the local VA hospital as appropriate, mental health, counseling, and group therapy.

### Belton

209 Cunningham Industrial Pkwy  
Belton, MO 64012  
816-922-2161

### Kansas City

4251 Northern Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64133  
816-861-4700

### Branson

5571 Gretna Rd  
Branson, MO 65616  
417-243-2300

### Kirksville

1510 North Crown Drive  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
660-627-8387

### Cameron

1111 Euclid Dr  
Cameron, MO 64429  
816-632-1369

### Marshfield

1240 Banning Street  
Marshfield, MO 65706  
417-468-1963

### Cape Girardeau

3051 William St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
573-339-0909

### Mexico

3460 S. Clark Street  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573-581-9630

### Excelsior Springs

197 McCleary Rd  
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024  
816-922-2970

### Mt. Vernon

600 N Main  
Mt Vernon, MO 65712  
417-466-4000

### Farmington

1580 W. Columbia St  
Farmington, MO 63640  
573-760-1365

### Nevada

322 South Prewitt  
Nevada, MO 64772  
417-448-8905

### Jefferson City

2707 W Edgewood  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
573-635-0233

### Lake of the Ozarks/Osage Beach

940 Executive Drive  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
573-302-7890

Platte City  
2303 Higgins, Ste. F  
Platte City, MO 64079  
800-952-8387 xt. 59141

St. Louis Primary Care Team 2  
2727 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314-289-7659

Salem  
35629 Hwy 72 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
573-729-6626

Warrensburg  
702 E. Young Street  
Warrensburg, MO 64093  
816-922-2500, ext. 54281

Sedalia  
3320 West 10th Street  
Sedalia, MO 65301  
660-826-3800

Washington  
1627 A Roy Drive  
Washington, MO 63090  
800-228-5459 xt. 57950

Sikeston  
903 South Kingshighway  
Sikeston, MO 63801  
573-472-2139

Fort Leonard Wood/Waynesville  
700 GW Lane  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
573-774-2285

St. Charles County  
844 Waterbury Falls Dr.  
O'Fallon, MO 63368  
314-286-6988

West Plains  
1801 E. State Route K  
West Plains, MO 65775  
417-257-2454

St. James  
207 Matlock Drive  
St. James, MO 65559  
573-265-0448

Paragould, AR  
2420 Linwood Dr. Suite 3  
Paragould, AR 72450  
870-236-9756

St. Joseph  
3302 S. Belt Highway, Suite P  
St. Joseph, MO 64506  
800-952-8387 ext. 56925

Quincy, IL  
721 Broadway Street  
Quincy, Illinois 62301  
217-224-3366

St. Louis North County  
6854 Parker Road  
Florissant, MO 63033  
314-286-6988

Dyersburg, TN  
433 East Parkview Street  
Dyersburg, TN 38024  
731-287-7289

St. Louis Primary Care Team 1  
4974 Manchester Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
314-289-6566

# DAV Transportation Network

Because so many sick and disabled Veterans lack transportation to and from VA medical facilities for needed treatment, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) operates a nationwide Transportation Network to meet this need.

Through the Transportation Network, DAV volunteers drive sick and disabled Veterans to and from VA medical facilities for treatment.

Since the DAV Transportation Network is staffed by volunteers, it is unable to cover every community. Please use the following contacts at Missouri's VA medical centers to see if transportation is available in your area.

Michael T. Elmore  
Program Coordinator  
413 W. Hickory  
Kirkville, MO 63501  
Phone: 660-627-0328

John J. Pershing Medical Center  
1500 N. Westwood Blvd.  
Building 6, Room 1003  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
Phone: 573-778-4616

Harry S Truman Medical Center  
800 Hospital Drive  
Room 538  
Columbia, MO 65201  
Phone: 573-814-6002

John Cochran Medical Center  
915 N. Grand Blvd.  
Room A339D  
St. Louis, MO 63106  
Phone: 314-289-6443

Kansas City VA Medical Center  
4801 Linwood Blvd.,  
Room M1-569  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
Phone: 816-922-2884

Jefferson Barracks Medical Center  
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive  
Building 1, Room C 110  
St. Louis, MO 63125  
Phone: 314-416-6984

Gene Taylor VA Outpatient Center  
600 N. Main, Rm. 244  
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712  
Phone: 417-466-0179



Picture courtesy Michael Elmore, Missouri DAV

# Veterans Service Organizations

Veterans Service Organizations provide Veterans with benefits, services, camaraderie with fellow Veterans, and opportunities to serve their communities. Many benefits enjoyed by Veterans are a result of the political activity of Veteran Service Organizations. By becoming a member of a service organization, especially if you are willing to be active and speak up on Veterans' issues, you help ensure Veterans are a priority for our elected representatives.



## **Air Force Association**

<http://www.afa.org/>  
[membership@afa.org](mailto:membership@afa.org)  
 1-800-727-3337



## **Air Force Sergeants Association**

<http://www.hqafsa.org>  
 1-800-638-0594



## **American Ex-Prisoner Of War Association**

<http://www.axpow.org/>  
[hq@axpow.org](mailto:hq@axpow.org)  
 1-817-649-2979



## **American Veterans (AMVETS)**

<http://www.amvets.org/>  
[amvets@amvets.org](mailto:amvets@amvets.org)  
 1-877-726-8387



## **Catholic War Veterans (CWV)**

<http://www.cwv.org/>  
[admin@cwv.org](mailto:admin@cwv.org)  
 1-703-549-3622



## **Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

<http://www.dav.org/>  
[dav\\_moe@msn.com](mailto:dav_moe@msn.com)  
 1-660-627-0328



## **Fleet Reserve Association**

<http://www.fra.org/>  
[news-fra@fra.org](mailto:news-fra@fra.org)  
 1-800-372-1924



## **40 & 8**

<http://www.fortyandeight.org/>  
[tbenett@fortyandeight.org](mailto:tbenett@fortyandeight.org)  
 1-317-634-1804



## **Jewish War Veterans of the USA**

<http://www.jwv.org/>  
[jwv@jwv.org](mailto:jwv@jwv.org)  
 1-202-265-6280



## **Korean War Veterans Association**

<http://www.kwva.us/>  
[Membership@kwva.us](mailto:Membership@kwva.us)  
 1-217-345-4414



## **Marine Corps League**

<http://www.mclnational.org/>  
<http://www.momcl.org/>  
[JFoster@mcleague.org](mailto:JFoster@mcleague.org)  
 1-703-207-9588



## **Military Order of the Purple Heart**

<http://www.purpleheart.org/>  
[Membership@purpleheart.org](mailto:Membership@purpleheart.org)  
 1-703-642-5360





## **Military Officers Association of America**

<http://www.moaa.org/>

[msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org)

1-800-234-6622



## **Military Order of the World Wars**

<http://www.moww.org/>

[membership@moww.org](mailto:membership@moww.org)

1-703-683-4911



## **National Association of Atomic Veterans**

<http://www.naav.com/>

[tombair@hotmail.com](mailto:tombair@hotmail.com)

1-417-627-9577



## **National Association of Black Veterans**

<http://www.nabvets.org/>

[info@nabvets.com](mailto:info@nabvets.com)

1-877-622-8387



## **101st Airborne Division Association**

<http://www.screamingeagle.org>

[membershipadmin@comcast.net](mailto:membershipadmin@comcast.net)

1-931-431-0199



## **Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)**

<http://www.gatewaypva.org>

[info@gatewaypva.org](mailto:info@gatewaypva.org)

1-800-426-4058



## **Special Forces Association**

<http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/>

[secretary@specialforcesassociation.org](mailto:secretary@specialforcesassociation.org)

1-910-485-5433



## **The American Legion**

<http://www.missourilegion.org>  
[membership@missourilegion.org](mailto:membership@missourilegion.org)  
 1-800-846-9023 ext. 226



## **The American Legion Auxiliary**

<http://dptmoala2.wixsite.com/deptmoala>  
[dptmoala@embarqmail.com](mailto:dptmoala@embarqmail.com)  
 573-636-9133



## **St. Louis Service Women's Post 404 (Am. Leg)**

<http://www.stlouiswomensvets.org/>  
[darlenecoats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:darlenecoats@sbcglobal.net)  
 1-314-477-6841



## **The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)**

<http://www.trea.org>  
[treaHQ@trea.org](mailto:treaHQ@trea.org)  
 1-800-338-9337



## **United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.**

<https://www.ussvi.org/home.asp>  
[office@ussvi.org](mailto:office@ussvi.org)  
 1-877-542-DIVE



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

<http://vfwmo.org/>  
[stateheadquarters@mo.vfwwebmail.com](mailto:stateheadquarters@mo.vfwwebmail.com)  
 1-888-276-8609



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFW)**

<http://movfwaux.org/>  
[bryantbl@centurytel.net](mailto:bryantbl@centurytel.net)  
1-636-338-4857



## **Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)**

<http://www.vva.org/>  
[membership@vva.org](mailto:membership@vva.org)  
1-800-882-1316



## **Women's Army Corps Veterans Association**

<http://www.armywomen.org/>  
[info@armywomen.org](mailto:info@armywomen.org)  
1-256-820-6824

# Burial & Cemetery Benefits

## Missouri State Veterans Cemeteries

The Missouri Veterans Commission created a network of Veterans cemeteries so that every Missouri Veteran will have reasonable access to a Veterans cemetery. Five cemeteries are in operation at this time; Springfield, Higginsville, Bloomfield, Jacksonville and Fort Leonard Wood. A sixth Veterans cemetery is located at the St. James Veterans Home, but is not open for interment.

There is no charge for any of the services provided. These services include opening and closing of the grave, provision of a concrete grave liner, upright granite headstones, full military honors for the Veteran, and perpetual care of the gravesite. Those who choose cremation have the choice of in-ground burial or placement within a columbarium niche. Pre-registration for future planning purposes is also available for Veterans and their eligible family members.

Veterans, spouses, and dependent children may be eligible for burial and cemetery benefits by the State of Missouri and the Federal Government.

Families should make these VA and State burial benefits arrangements through their funeral provider as neither the VA nor the State of Missouri make funeral arrangements or perform cremations.

Any item or service not listed in the following sections obtained from a funeral home will be at the family's expense. Please contact a State or National Veterans Cemetery for a full listing of state and federal burial benefits that are provided at no cost. Please see page 40 for cemetery contact information.

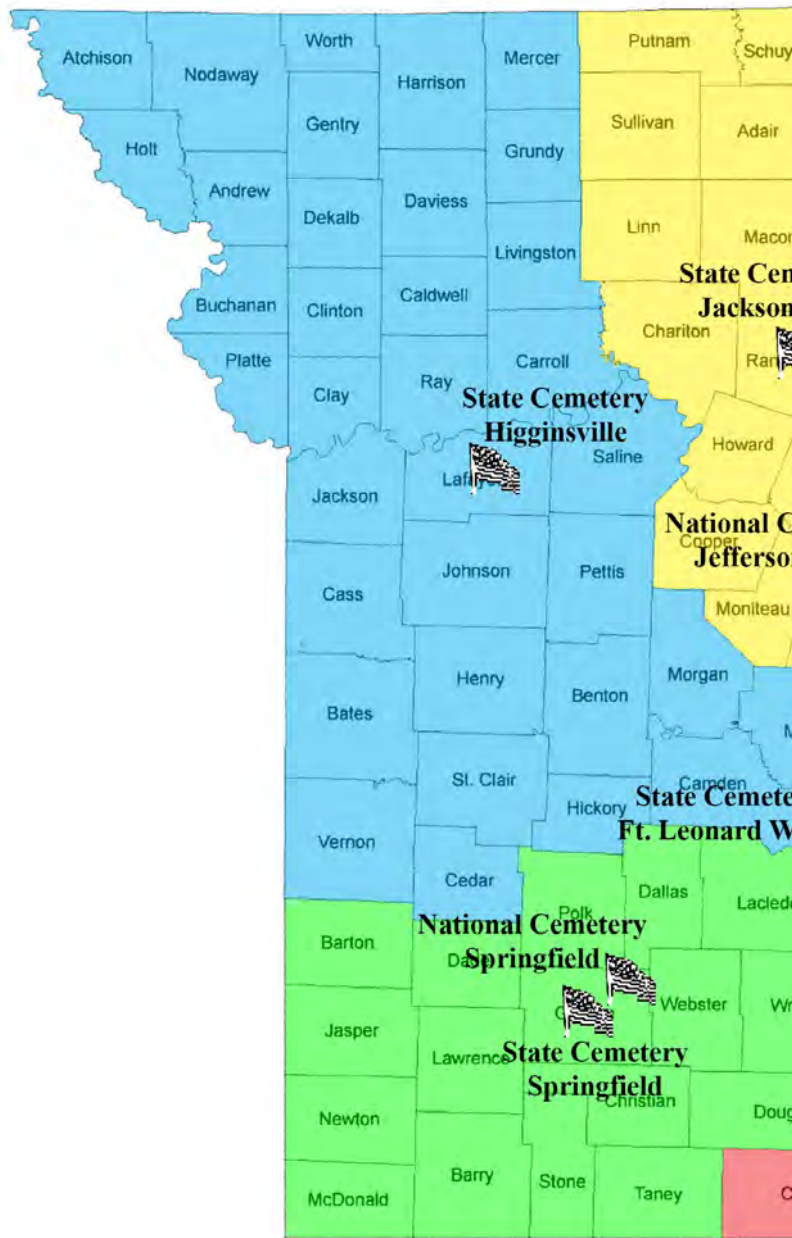
## Eligibility

Eligibility criteria is the same as that for a national cemetery:

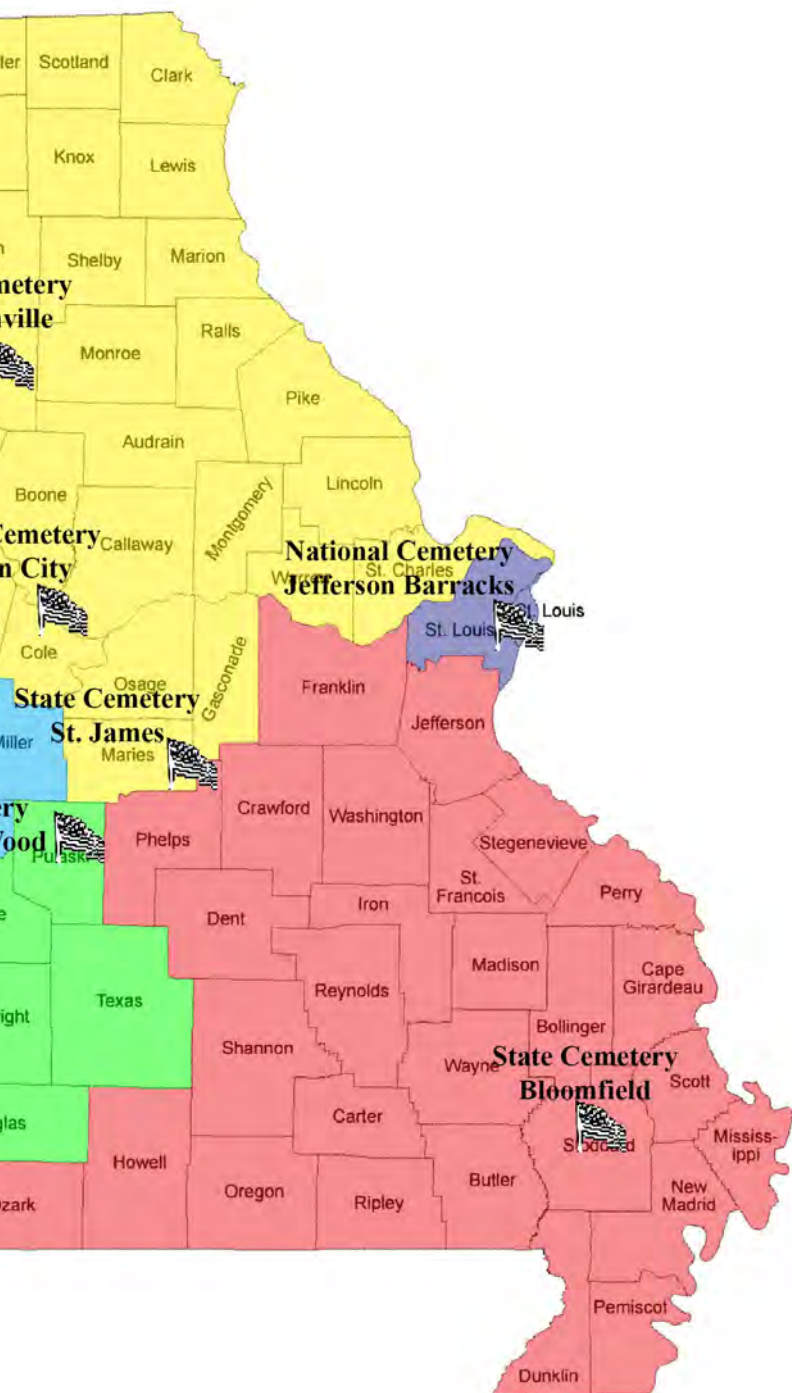
- The Veteran must have been discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and have completed the required period of service as required by law.
- Death occurred while on active duty.
- After 7 September 1980 for enlisted and after 16 October 1981 for officers, the individual must have served 24 consecutive months on active duty or the full period for which called to active duty.
- Reservists or members of the National Guard who are eligible for retired pay as a result of 20 years creditable service are entitled to interment in a Missouri State Veterans Cemetery. Reservists and members of the National Guard who are called to active duty by Presidential Executive Order and who satisfactorily complete the period for which they are called to duty are also eligible.
- There is no residency requirement for interment in a Missouri Veterans Cemetery.
- U.S. Citizens who served in the armed forces of a government allied with the United States during wartime may also be eligible.

**NOTE: Any Veteran convicted of a federal or state capital crime is barred from burial in a Missouri State Veterans Cemetery. This prohibition also includes those Veterans who commit capital crimes but avoid conviction due to death or flight.**

**NOTE: Former spouses whose marriage to an eligible Veteran was terminated by divorce are not eligible for burial in a Missouri Veterans cemetery.**







# Missouri State Veterans Cemeteries

## Bloomfield

17357 Stars & Stripes Way  
Bloomfield, MO 63825  
573-568-3871

## Jacksonville

1479 County Road 1675  
Jacksonville, MO 65260  
660-295-4237

## Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Highway H  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
Phone: 573-774-3496

(closed to interment) St. James

620 N. Jefferson  
St. James, MO 65559  
573-265-3271

## Higginsville

20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
660-584-5252

## Springfield

5201 South Southwood Road  
Springfield, MO 65804  
417-823-3944



*Photo by Kalani Rankin*

# National Cemeteries in Missouri

## Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125  
314-845-8320

## Springfield

1702 East Seminole Street  
Springfield, MO 65804  
417-881-9499  
(call for interment availability)

## Jefferson City

1024 East McCarty Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101  
314-845-8320  
(closed to new interments)

# Federal Burial Benefits

## Burial in a National or Missouri State Veterans Cemetery

Burial benefits available include a gravesite in a national or state cemetery with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national or state cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouses or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the Veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they pass away before the Veteran.

## Burial in a Private Cemetery

Burial benefits available for Veterans buried in a private cemetery include a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. There are no federal benefits available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery.

## Burial Allowance

In certain circumstances, a Burial Allowance is available from the Veterans Benefits Administration. VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. Please contact your funeral service provider or a Veterans Service Officer for more information.

# Military Funeral Honors

Office of the Adjutant General  
Attn: Military Funeral Honors  
2302 Militia Dr.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101-1203  
1-877-221-6361, (Option 1 or 3)  
<http://www.moguard.com/funeral-honors/>

## What are Military Funeral Honors?

The ceremonial paying of respect and the final demonstration of the country's gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our Nation. The military funeral honors ceremony consists of, at a minimum, the folding and presentation of the American flag and the sounding of Taps by a detail of two uniformed members of the Military Services. Missouri Veterans normally receive a Three-Volley Rifle Salute, sounding of Taps, Flag Folding and Presentation. Active duty members and military retirees are entitled to additional honors.

## Who can receive Military Funeral Honors?

Deceased Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Members, Military Retirees, and Veterans who served at least one term of enlistment and separated under honorable conditions are eligible for Military Funeral Honors.

Military Funeral Honors will be denied to any person discharged under other than honorable conditions, convicted of a state or federal capital crime, or when circumstances surrounding the person's death are such that to provide honors at the funeral or burial of the person would bring discredit upon the military services.

## How do I request Military Funeral Honors and how much will it cost?

Request Military Funeral Honors through your Funeral Director. Military Funeral Honors are provided at no cost to you or the Funeral Home.

## How do I get a flag for the casket and how much will it cost?

Request a flag through your Funeral Director.  
Flags are provided at no cost to you or the Funeral Home.

## What if we do not want Taps?

The family decides whether or not Taps is provided.

## Who provides Military Funeral Honors?

The family determines who presents the flag and can choose between Uniformed Service Members or a Veterans Service Organization. The Military Funeral Honors Program or Active Component determines who will provide the rest of the team based on availability of teams. Honors may be provided by any combination of Missouri Army and Air National Guard members, Active Duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, Retired Military Members, or Veterans Service Organizations.



*Pictures by Daniel Bell, Missouri Veterans Commission*





*Picture by Tammy Smith, Missouri Veterans Cemetery-Bloomfield*

## Flying Flags at Half-Staff

The United States flag and the Missouri state flag are flown at half-staff at the cemetery on the day of interment ceremonies for Veterans held in a Missouri State Veterans Cemetery or National Cemetery.

## Senior Executive Services Members

Individuals holding or having held an office listed in 5 USC 5312 or 5313 (Levels I and II of the Executive Schedule) may qualify for interment in Arlington National Cemetery with approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Burial will be conducted in the same manner as a dependent burial. No military honors will be rendered but pall bearers and a chaplain will be provided. If burial will be in a private cemetery, no marker, flag, or military funeral honors will be authorized.

Burial in a State Veterans Cemetery will not be allowed unless approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. (NCA Directive 3210, Section III d) (Authority 38 USC 2402(6)) If approved, no military funeral honors will be provided.



# Child Custody & Visitation

If a deploying military parent is to be separated from a child, a court shall not enter a final order modifying the terms of custody or visitation until 90 days after the deployment ends unless there is a written agreement by both parties. Deployment or future deployment shall not be the sole factor to support a permanent modification of the custody or visitation terms established in an existing order.

A custody or visitation order may be temporarily modified to make reasonable accommodation due to the deployment, including visitation during deployment and when there is leave time for the deploying parent and shall automatically end no later than 30 days after the return of the deploying parent and the original order at the time of deployment is automatically reinstated.

The non-deploying parent must provide written notice to the court and to the deploying parent of any change of address and contact information within seven days, except in instances where there is a valid order of protection in effect requiring the confidentiality of the non-deploying parent's contact information. In such instances the information shall only be given to the court.

The court may conduct an expedited or emergency hearing within 10 days of the filing of a motion regarding custody or visitation upon return of the deploying parent alleging an immediate danger or irreparable harm to the child. The non-deploying parent shall bear the burden of showing that reentry of the custody or visitation order in effect before the deployment is no longer in the child's best interests.

A deploying parent or a family member of a deploying parent with his or her consent may delegate the visitation rights to a family member with a close and substantial relationship to the minor child or children for the duration of the deployment if it is in the best interest of the child.

A deploying parent is required to provide a copy of his or her orders to the non-deploying parent promptly and without delay prior to the deployment.

A court cannot count any time periods during which the deploying parent did not exercise visitation due to military duties when determining whether a parent failed to exercise such rights. Also, any absence of a child from the state during a deployment after an order for custody has been entered must be denominated as a temporary absence for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

*Missouri Statute 452.413*

# Child Support

Should you have questions on the following, please contact the Missouri Department of Social Services' Child Support Enforcement (CSE) office to which your case is assigned, or the CSE Customer Relations Unit at 1-800-859-7999.

## Review and Modification

If you experience a change in your income as a result of being called to active duty, you may request that CSE modify your child support.

A custodial parent or noncustodial parent who has been called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days may request a review and modification due to an income change. The income change is considered a substantial change in circumstances for purposes of review and modification. That means CSE will complete a review of the order regardless of the age of the order and complete a modification regardless of whether the new amount differs by 20 percent from the existing obligation.

If you request a review of your order and a modification, please include a copy of your latest leave and earning statement, and a copy of your orders to appear for active duty. Send your written request and documentation to the CSE office that handles your case.

## Income Withholding

If you have experienced a change in your income and have an obligation to repay past-due support, you may request that CSE adjust your past-due payment amount.

To request a change in your periodic past-due payment amount, send a written request, along with your latest leave and earning statement and orders to appear for active duty to the CSE office that handles your case. If appropriate, we will revise the amount being withheld to repay past-due support.

## Children's Health Care Coverage

If you are ordered to provide health care coverage for your child(ren) and have not done so, CSE will ask the military to enroll the child(ren) in the appropriate health care plan.

# Federal Education Benefits

For more information on any of the following federal education benefits, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). You can also check with the Financial Aid Office at your school or a Veterans Service Officer.

## **The Montgomery GI Bill**

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) is available for those who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. MGIB encompasses both the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30) and The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606).

## **The Post-9/11 GI Bill**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

## **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill has replaced the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) for Reserve and National Guard members called to active duty on or after September 11, 2001. But if you applied for REAP on or after November 25, 2015, you may still qualify for benefits.

## **Survivors & Dependents Assistance (DEA)**

Dependents' Educational Assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain Veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.



### **Veterans Education & Training**

[dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/veterans-education](http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/veterans-education)

Phone: 1-877-530-2765

The Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) oversees a variety of Veterans Education programs for the State of Missouri and the VA. DESE is the Missouri State Approving Agency (MSAA) for institutions to provide services to persons eligible for Veterans' Education and Training and Vocational Rehabilitation.

### **Veterans Education News & Updates**

The Veterans Education and Training Section has monthly newsletters for Missouri and Iowa Veterans and the educational community.

### **Troops to Teachers**

The Troops to Teachers (TTT) program seeks to place retiring military personnel and other eligible persons in second careers as public school teachers in elementary, secondary, career and technical, or special education schools.

Eligibility requirements for Referral and Placement Assistance services and Financial Assistance are available at <http://www.ProudToServeAgain.com>.

[ProudToServeAgain.com](http://www.ProudToServeAgain.com).

[dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/troops-to-teachers](http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/troops-to-teachers)



### **Exemption from Proof of Residency for Students**

If the family of a student living in Missouri moves to live with other family members or live in a military family support community because one or both of the child's parents are stationed or deployed out of state or deployed within Missouri under Title 32 or Title 10 active duty orders, the student will be considered to have proof of residency and may attend the school district in which the family member's residence or family support community is located. If the active duty orders expire during the school year, the student may finish the school year in that district.

### **A+ Schools Program**

A student who is an active-duty military dependent is exempt from the three-year attendance requirement for the A+ Schools Program. In addition, a dependent of a retired military member who relocates to Missouri within one year of the date of his or her parent's retirement from active duty is be exempt from the attendance requirement.

### **Operation Recognition (Honorary High School Diploma)**

The Missouri legislature created Operation Recognition in order to provide honorary high school diplomas for Veterans and civilian prisoners of war (POWs) who left high school before graduation to serve in the military.

Eligibility: All civilian POWs who are residents or former residents of the state of Missouri and all honorably discharged Veterans who are residents or former residents of the state of Missouri who served in the United States military and who did not return to school and complete their education after their term of service shall be eligible to receive an honorary diploma. Family members may apply for the honorary diploma on behalf of a deceased Veteran.

Candidates must submit an application to the Missouri Veterans Commission. The application form is available from the commission, Veterans' organizations and local school officials.

<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/docs/services/honoraryhstdiploma.pdf>

Applicants must submit a copy of their military discharge papers or DD-214 along with the application.

# *Missouri Department of* **SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/ch25/sec4ch25sub8.htm>

Children of families in the military often face educational barriers due to their parents' deployment or frequent moves. The educational records and enrollment procedures for children of military families transferring to/from Missouri fall under the guidelines of the Interstate Compact, Section 160.2000 RSMo.

The Interstate Compact allows a military dependent who has completed an accredited prekindergarten program or completed or attended a kindergarten program in another state to enter kindergarten or first grade even if the child has not reached the required age for Missouri schools by August 1, 2008. It also allows school districts to accept a course in government completed in another state when a student transfers to a Missouri high school in ninth to twelfth grade to satisfy the state's graduation requirement.



*Tim Boyle/Getty Images*





Toll-free: (800) 473-6757

Email: [info@dhe.mo.gov](mailto:info@dhe.mo.gov)

<http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/veteransed.php>

### **Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act**

This act limits the tuition to no more than \$50 per credit hour at public colleges and universities while enrolled in an undergraduate certificate or degree program after all other financial aid is taken into account.

Eligibility: Applicable to combat Veterans who served after September 11, 2001. Veteran remains eligible for ten years after honorable discharge.

<http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/returningheroesact.php>

### **Academic Credit for Military Courses**

All public universities, colleges, vocational and technical schools in Missouri must award credits to an enrolled Student Veteran for equivalent courses that were part of the student's military training or service if the courses meet certain standards for academic credit.

### **In-State Tuition Eligibility for Discharged Service Members**

Anyone separating from the U.S. military service with an honorable or general discharge who declares presence and residency in Missouri will be considered a resident of Missouri for admission purposes and tuition at approved public four-year and two-year institutions of higher education. If attending a community college, presence within the taxing district of the community college must also be declared.

### **In-State Tuition Eligibility for Military Dependents**

A dependent of an active duty military member, as defined in federal law, who is residing in Missouri and whose parent is assigned to permanent duty in the state is eligible for in-state tuition as long as he or she is continuously enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program of a Missouri higher education institution including any transfers from one Missouri institution to another or from an undergraduate to a graduate degree program.

## **In-State Tuition Eligibility for National Guard and Reserve Members**

RSMo 173.1153

Current members of the Missouri National Guard and members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States will receive in-state residency status for the purposes of tuition at any public four-year institution of higher education, or in-district residency status for any two-year public institution.

### **Higher Education Tuition Refunds when Called to Active Duty**

Students at public higher education institutions who are members of the armed forces reserves and are called to active service under certain circumstances are eligible for tuition refunds or for a grade of "incomplete." Students who are members of the National Guard are similarly eligible for the refunds or grade.

### **Bright Flight Scholarship Status when Called to Active Duty**

If a Bright Flight Scholarship recipient cannot attend an approved institution because of military service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, the student will be offered the scholarship if he or she returns to full-time status within six months after ending the military service and verifying to the Coordinating Board of Higher Education that the service was satisfactorily completed.



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## War Veteran's Survivor Grant Program

<http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/wartimevetsurvivor.php>

The War Veteran's Survivor Grants are available annually to children and spouses of Veterans whose deaths or injuries were a result of combat action or were attributed to an illness that was contracted while serving in combat action, or who became 80% disabled as a result of injuries or accidents sustained in combat action since September 11, 2001. The Veteran must have been a Missouri resident when first entering the military service or at the time of death or injury.

The total number that may receive a grant in any year is limited by statute to 25 recipients.

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements at the time of application and throughout the period in which you receive the award.

### Initial Students

- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or otherwise lawfully present in the United States.
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at least half-time as an undergraduate student in a participating public college or university.
- Be the veteran's spouse at the time of death or injury or within five years subsequent to the injury.
- Be the veteran's child (natural, adopted, or stepchild) who is less than 25 years of age.
  1. You may continue to be eligible through the end of the semester in which you turn 25 OR the receipt of your first bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
  2. You must have been a dependent of the veteran at the time of death or injury or within five years subsequent to the injury.
- Complete and submit all requested eligibility information.

### Renewal Students

- Continue to meet the eligibility requirements for initial students and;
- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school.

## **Work Opportunity Tax Credit**

<http://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax>

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit incentive that Congress provides to private-sector businesses for hiring individuals from nine target groups, including unemployed Veterans who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment. The main objective of this program is to enable the targeted employees to gradually move from economic dependency into self-sufficiency as they earn a steady income and become contributing taxpayers, while the participating employers are compensated by being able to reduce their federal income tax liability. WOTC joins other workforce programs that help incentivize workplace diversity and facilitate access to good jobs for American workers.

WOTC Coordinator

Division of Workforce Development

Department of Economic Development

421 East Dunklin Street

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 573-522-9581 / 800-877-8698

E-mail: [Jennifer.Cheshire@ded.mo.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Cheshire@ded.mo.gov)

<https://jobs.mo.gov/employer/incentives/work-opportunity-tax-credit>

## **State Contract and Business Preference for Service Connected Disabled Veterans**

In bidding for jobs or services with the State of Missouri, preference will be given to disabled Veteran businesses doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business, when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less.

Division of Purchasing & Materials Mgmt.

Phone: 573-751-2387

E-mail: [purchmail@oa.mo.gov](mailto:purchmail@oa.mo.gov)

<https://oa.mo.gov/purchasing/vendor-information/missouri-service-disabled-veteran-business-enterprise-sdve-information>

### **MO Linked Deposit Program/Small Business Low Interest Loans**

Veteran-owned small businesses can participate in the Missouri Linked Deposit Program. Eligibility is any business owned by an honorably discharged Veteran and Missouri resident who agrees to locate their business in the state for at least three years and employs less than 100 employees, a majority of whom are Missouri residents. Participating lending institutions must give priority to Veteran-owned businesses when considering which small businesses should receive reduced-rate loans. A Veteran who receives a small business loan through the Linked Deposit Program must also complete a boots-to-business program approved by the Dept. of Economic Development and be assigned a mentor for 365 days following the loan approval date and must meet at least once every 90 days (RSMo 30.750, 30.756 and 620.3250).

Office of Missouri State Treasurer Eric Schmitt

Attn: Missouri Linked Deposit Program

PO Box 210

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 573-751-2372

E-mail: [LinkedDeposits@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:LinkedDeposits@treasurer.mo.gov)

Web: <http://www.treasurer.mo.gov/content/low-interest-loans>

### **Waivers for Dissolved Corporations due to Military Service**

The Secretary of State will waive reinstatement fees and procedures in the event a corporation was administratively dissolved for failure to file an annual registration report when the failure was due to the business owner's active military service. The Secretary of State will waive all late fees, cancel the certificate of dissolution, and reinstate the corporation in these circumstances. Annual registration report fees may still be due for the years in which no report was filed.

### **Certain Business Fees Waived for Guard & Active Duty Members**

If a specified organizer, majority shareholder, officer, director, or partner of a company, corporation, health services corporation, nonprofit corporation, cooperative company, or partnership is a member of the MO National Guard or any other active duty member of the military, resides in Missouri, and provides proof of service to the Secretary of State, certain specified business fees will be waived. Contact the Missouri Secretary of State Business Services Corporations Division for more information at 573-751-4153 or toll free 866-223-6535, option 1. (RSMo. 347.179, 351.065, 354.150, 355.021, 357.060, 358.440, 359.651, 394.250, and 417.220)

## **Professional License Extensions due to Military Service**

A person whose job requires licensing or certification by the State of Missouri who is called to active duty in the National Guard or any Reserve Component of the Armed Services will not be required to attend the continuing education or training required to maintain the licensing or certification during the time of active duty. Upon returning from active duty the person will not have to make up or retake any training or education missed during that time.

## **Military Experience Allowed for Professional License Qualifications**

All professional licensing boards or commissions of the State of Missouri shall accept education, training, or service completed by an individual who is a member of the United States armed forces, reserves, or national guard toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure.

## **Licensure and Certification Test Costs**

Licensing and certification tests can be paid for by VA benefits. A licensing test is a test offered by a state, local or federal agency required by law to practice an occupation. A certification test is a test designed to provide an affirmation of an individual's qualifications in a specified occupation. Certification is not required to practice an occupation except where the occupational licensing requirements include certification as part of those requirements. Veterans and eligible persons may call the VA to determine entitlement by calling toll free at: 1-888-442-4551

<https://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/veterans-education/licensure-certification-test-benefits>

## **Health Related Professional License Renewal While on Active Duty**

When a person with a health-related professional license or certificate in good standing by the State of Missouri is called to active duty, their license or certificate will remain in good standing for the duration of active duty. Renewal of the license or certificate while the person is on active duty shall occur without the payment of dues. Continuing education will not be required if certain requirements are met. The existing license or certificate issued shall be continued as long as the person is a member of the United States armed forces on active duty and for a period of at least six months after being released from active duty.



### **Courtesy Professional Licenses for Non-Resident Military Spouses**

Any state agency or board that regulates an occupation or profession must establish criteria for the issuance of a temporary courtesy license to a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the military who has been transferred to Missouri allowing the spouse to lawfully practice his or her occupation or profession in this state provided certain qualifications are met.

Information on state regulated occupations or professions can be obtained by contacting the Missouri Division of Professional Registration at:

3605 Missouri Boulevard  
P.O. Box 1335  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335  
Phone: 573-751-0293  
profreg@pr.mo.gov  
<http://pr.mo.gov/>

### **Private Employers May Grant Veterans Hiring Preference**

Any private employer may grant preference in hiring and promotion to any veteran, spouse of a disabled veteran who has a service-connected permanent and total disability, or to a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. (RSMo 285.250)

### **Priority Processing of Professional Licenses for Military Spouses**

All professional licensing boards and commissions shall give first priority to spouses of members of the active duty component of the Armed Forces of the United States in the processing of all professional licensure or certification applications. (RSMo 324.006)

### **Unemployment Compensation for War on Terror Veterans**

<http://labor.mo.gov/militaryUI>  
<https://www.ui.labor.mo.gov/som/>

A war on terror Veteran may be entitled to a weekly benefit for 26 weeks with the dollar amount based on eight percent of the highest wages paid to the Veteran in the five calendar quarters prior to deployment. The maximum weekly benefit amount a Veteran can receive is \$1,153.64.  
(RSMo. 288.042)

## **Unemployment Compensation for Military Spouses**

<http://labor.mo.gov/militaryUI>

<https://www.ui.labor.mo.gov/som/>

Individuals who quit work to relocate due to their spouses' military change of station (i.e., trailing military spouses) are potentially eligible for unemployment benefits. If a trailing military spouse quits work to relocate to a residence from which it is impractical to commute to the workplace and remains employed as long as reasonable prior to the move, he or she may be eligible for unemployment benefits, so long as he or she meets other unemployment eligibility criteria.

## **Veterans Employment & Training Services**

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/>

Provides Veterans and transitioning service members with resources and services to succeed by maximizing their employment opportunities, protecting their employment rights and meeting labor-market demands with qualified Veterans.

### **USDOL/VETS**

Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Building

421 E. Dunklin St.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Phone: 573-751-3921

## **On-the-Job (OJT) Training and Apprenticeship**

Veterans, Guard members, Reservists or a dependent of a Veteran may be eligible to receive a monthly educational benefit from the VA.

OJT is received while performing a job and earning wages. OJT programs must be at least six months and may be up to two years in length. Apprenticeship Training is on-the-job training, with 144 hours (minimum) per year of related technical instruction. You receive your GI Bill benefit while working full time and earning wages.

For eligibility determination call 1-888-442-4551

For Missouri specific information:

<https://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/veterans-education/job-training-apprenticeship>



## **Local Veterans Employment Representatives & Disabled Veterans Outreach Program**

Phone: 1-573-526-9762

<http://jobs.mo.gov/>

<https://jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/veteran-employment-services>

The Division of Workforce Development has staff throughout the state to specifically assist Veterans. Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVER) provide assistance in job placement, accessing needed services, and advocate for Veterans by developing employment opportunities with businesses. Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists provide case management and develop career and job training opportunities for Veterans, with special emphasis on Veterans with service-connected disabilities

### Services Provided:

- Counseling through case management
- Job Development
- Testing
- Transitional assistance to separating service members
- Identification of employment and training opportunities and direct referrals to jobs
- Monitoring job listings from federal contractors to ensure eligible Veterans get priority referrals
- Monitoring Missouri Career Centers to ensure priority of service to Veterans
- Monitoring federal department and agency vacancy listings
- Referral screening of complaints from Veterans regarding observance of Veteran's preference in federal hiring to the Director of Employment and Training Service.

If you do not have a job or if you are not working in the occupation you want, contact your local Missouri Career Center at 1-888-728-5627.



## **Show Me Heroes Program**

<https://showmeheroes.mo.gov>

email: [ShowMeHeroes@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ShowMeHeroes@ded.mo.gov)

Phone: 1-800-592-6020

Show-Me Heroes offers On-the-Job Training (OJT) to help businesses save costs while preparing new hires for vital jobs.

The Show-Me Heroes OJT program provides employers the following:

- Reimburses employers 50% of the wages of workers hired through this program for up to 1,040 hours of OJT.
- Connect employers with workers who possess a proven work ethic and a variety of valuable skills gained from military service, prior employment, and education.
- Based on the job requirements, Show-Me Heroes matches businesses with a skilled new hire and provides ongoing guidance and support.

### **Veteran and Spouse Eligibility:**

Most service members who are honorably discharged and are within five years of their discharge date or spouses of currently deployed or recently discharged eligible service members within five years of their discharge date can participate.

### **Business/Employer Eligibility:**

OJT position is permanent and full-time (32+ hours per week). Employer business participates in E-Verify.



## **ESGR**

[www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)

Phone: 816-988-7960

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) seeks to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees with ESGR as the principal advocate within DoD. ESGR does this by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and resolving conflict between employers and service members. ESGR encourages employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

## **National Guard & Reserve Re-employment Rights**

RSMo 40.490

Members of the state military forces of this state who are ordered to active state duty by the governor, any Missouri employee who is a member of the national guard of another state and who is called into active state duty by the governor of that state, or any member of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States who is called to active duty shall, upon being relieved from such duty, be entitled to the same reemployment rights provided by Title 38 of the United States Code, the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and all related laws.

## **Priority for Qualified Veterans Employment by the State**

State agencies which administer federally funded employment and training programs for Veterans shall give priority to qualified Veterans and other eligible persons.

## **Missouri State Employees Retirement System (MOSERS) benefits for Veterans**

<http://www.mosers.org>

Phone: 1-800-827-1063

Several benefits are provided to state employees who are Veterans or are deployed. Veterans may be eligible to purchase up to four years of active duty military service credit performed prior to last becoming a member of MOSERS. This includes active duty military training. If you elect to purchase your active duty military service, you must purchase all that you served (total months and days) up to a maximum of four years.

State employees who are called to active duty may receive credit for active duty military service. They can also continue to have life insurance coverage for one year and long-term disability coverage for one year provided they continue to pay for the coverage.

## **Time off for Civil Air Patrol & Coast Guard Auxiliary Duties**

Any State employee or employee of a business with more than 50 workers and who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol or the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary may be granted a leave of absence without loss of time, pay, regular leave, negative ratings, or any other rights or benefits entitled when performing duties for CAP or USCG for up to 15 days in any fiscal year, or unlimited time in response to state or national emergencies in Missouri. Further information can be found in Missouri Statutes 41.1000 and 41.1005.



## **Missouri Military Family Relief Fund (MMFRF)**

<http://www.moguard.com/missouri-military-family-relief-fund/>

Email: [MilitaryRelief@mo.ngb.army.mil](mailto:MilitaryRelief@mo.ngb.army.mil)

Phone: 573-638-9500 ext. 39688

The Missouri Military Family Relief Fund is a state-administered fund which assists families of currently serving members of the Missouri National Guard/Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States and/or Missouri residents who are currently serving members of the National Guard/Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States. Applicants can receive a grant up to \$3,000.00 based on the recommendation of a review panel.

Eligibility: Missouri National Guard or a Missouri resident Reserve Component member; hold rank no higher than O-3 or W-2; have not received a previous grant from this fund within the last 12 months; not have a situation that requires a monetary resolution in less than a week.

To make a donation to MMFRF:  
Missouri Military Family Relief Fund  
NGMO-FWS-F  
2405 Logistics Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101  
573-638-9500 ext. 39688

## **Missouri Attorney General's Military Legal Assistance Team**

<http://ago.mo.gov/home/working-for-you/military-legal-assistance-team>

The Missouri Attorney General's Office  
Military Legal Assistance Team  
P.O. Box 899  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
T: (573) 751-6733  
F: (573) 751-2041

The MLAT provides pro bono legal assistance to servicemembers and veterans in Missouri for qualifying legal matters. The program also offers educational opportunities for Missouri servicemembers, veterans, and businesses. The MLAT is Missouri's first statewide attorney general-led program offering our military communities access to pro bono civil legal services.

### **Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program**

<http://energy.mo.gov/energy>

Email: [energy@ded.mo.gov](mailto:energy@ded.mo.gov)

Phone: 1-855-522-2796

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Division of Energy administers federal funds to a statewide network of 19 local weatherization agencies. These agencies provide weatherization services to eligible clients, as well as training and guidance.

Allocations to these agencies are based on the percentage of the state's total low-income households within each service area. To apply for assistance, please contact the local weatherization agencies listed at the above website

### **Missouri Association for Community Action**

Phone: 1-573-634-2969

<http://www.communityaction.org>

Email: [info@communityaction.org](mailto:info@communityaction.org)

The Missouri Association for Community Action is a statewide association of 19 community action agencies that provide critical services to families and communities. They assist with childcare so parents can obtain education to improve their job opportunities, find solutions to transportation obstacles so people can get to work, weatherize homes to reduce energy costs, help families save to buy homes of their own, and help families work their way to self-sufficiency.

Contact the number or website above to locate the nearest Community Action Agency to you.

### **Missouri Universal Service Fund**

<https://www.missouriusf.com/>

Phone: 573-634-1319

email: [mousf@centralbank.net](mailto:mousf@centralbank.net)

The Missouri Universal Service Fund was established to help low-income and disabled Missourians receive additional discounts for basic local telephone service. You may qualify for a discount on your monthly telephone bill if you are receiving low income or disability benefits under certain programs.



# *Missouri Department of* **SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS)**

Phone: 1-573-751-4815

<http://dss.mo.gov>

The Department of Social Services is responsible for coordinating programs to provide public assistance to children and their parents, access to health care, child support enforcement assistance and to provide specialized assistance to troubled youth. While many programs give needed financial assistance and services, other units work toward reducing financial dependency of the citizens on government.

Some of the many assistance programs include:

- Child Care Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Home and Community Based Programs
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program
- Mo HealthNet
- MoRx
- Nursing Care
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families



## Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS)

<http://health.mo.gov>  
Phone: 573-751-6400

DHSS provides information, services, and protections for Missouri citizens. Key services for Veterans and Military include:

### **Adult Brain Injury Program**

<http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/ahi.php>  
Email: [info@health.mo.gov](mailto:info@health.mo.gov)  
Phone: 800-451-0669

The Adult Brain Injury Program provides assistance to Missouri residents, individuals and families in locating, coordinating, and purchasing rehabilitation and psychological services for adults who have survived a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Individuals must be Missouri residents between the ages of 21 and 65. Service coordination is available to adult survivors of TBI regardless of financial status. Rehabilitation services are available to individuals who are eligible for the service and whose income is at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **Long Term Care Ombudsman**

<http://health.mo.gov/seniors/ombudsman/>  
Email: [LTCOmbudsman@health.mo.gov](mailto:LTCOmbudsman@health.mo.gov)  
Phone: 1-800-309-3282

The Long Term Care Ombudsman program consists of volunteers serving residents of private nursing homes and residential care facilities to provide support and assistance with any problems or complaints. They also work to connect Veterans or spouses of deceased Veterans who reside in nursing homes or residential care facilities with a Veterans Service Officer to obtain VA benefits.



## Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)

<http://dmh.mo.gov/veterans>  
 Email: [DMH.Veteran@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:DMH.Veteran@dmh.mo.gov)  
 Phone: 1-800-364-9687

Missouri's Service Members, Veterans and their families face unique challenges: physical and mental trauma from deployments, separation from families, death, physical injuries and the invisible wounds of war to name a few. The Missouri Department of Mental Health is committed to serving those who serve and their families.

### Military Community Mental Health Provider Map

By providing a web-based interactive map the Missouri Department of Mental Health helps connect the military community with clinicians that meet their specific needs. Type in your address then use filters that best describe the health concern you have. The filter options also include if the provider accepts Tricare insurance and if they have experience with the military community.

Starting Address or Zip Code:

• We tried to determine your current location using information from your browser, however we received the following error message in doing so: This site doesn't have permission to ask for your location.

**Select all that apply**

- ☐ Alcohol and Substance Use
- ☐ Anger Management
- ☐ Child/Adolescent
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Eating Disorder
- ☐ Faith Based
- ☐ Family/Marriage
- ☐ General Mental Health
- ☐ Post Traumatic Stress
- ☐ Sexual Assault
- ☐ Suicide Prevention
- ☐ Traumatic Brain Injury
- ☐ Military Culture
- ☐ Accepts TRICARE

Map View
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## Veterans Crisis Line

**1-800-273-8255 and Press 1**

<http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net), or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

The professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances—from Veterans coping with mental health issues that were never addressed to recent Veterans struggling with relationships or the transition back to civilian life.

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### Confidential crisis help

**for Veterans and their families**

 Dial **1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

 Text to **838255**

 Chat at **[VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net)**



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of Veterans Affairs



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

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# Missouri Veterans Homes

The Missouri Veterans Commission Homes Program operates seven Veterans Homes whose mission is to ‘honor and serve the Veterans whose dedication and sacrifice have preserved our nation and its freedoms’.

The Missouri Veterans Homes operates a total of 1,350 beds that provide long term skilled nursing care in compliance with 158 Federal Department of Veterans Affairs regulations. The Homes are located in Cameron, Cape Girardeau, Mexico, Mount Vernon, St. James, St. Louis, and Warrensburg.

Each Missouri Veterans Home employs a licensed nursing home administrator, has registered nurses on duty 24 hours per day, and provides physician care, physical, speech, occupational and recreational therapy, medications, cosmetology, maintenance, environmental, social services, and dietary specialists. Each home has a secured dementia unit that includes a dining room, activity area and enclosed courtyard.

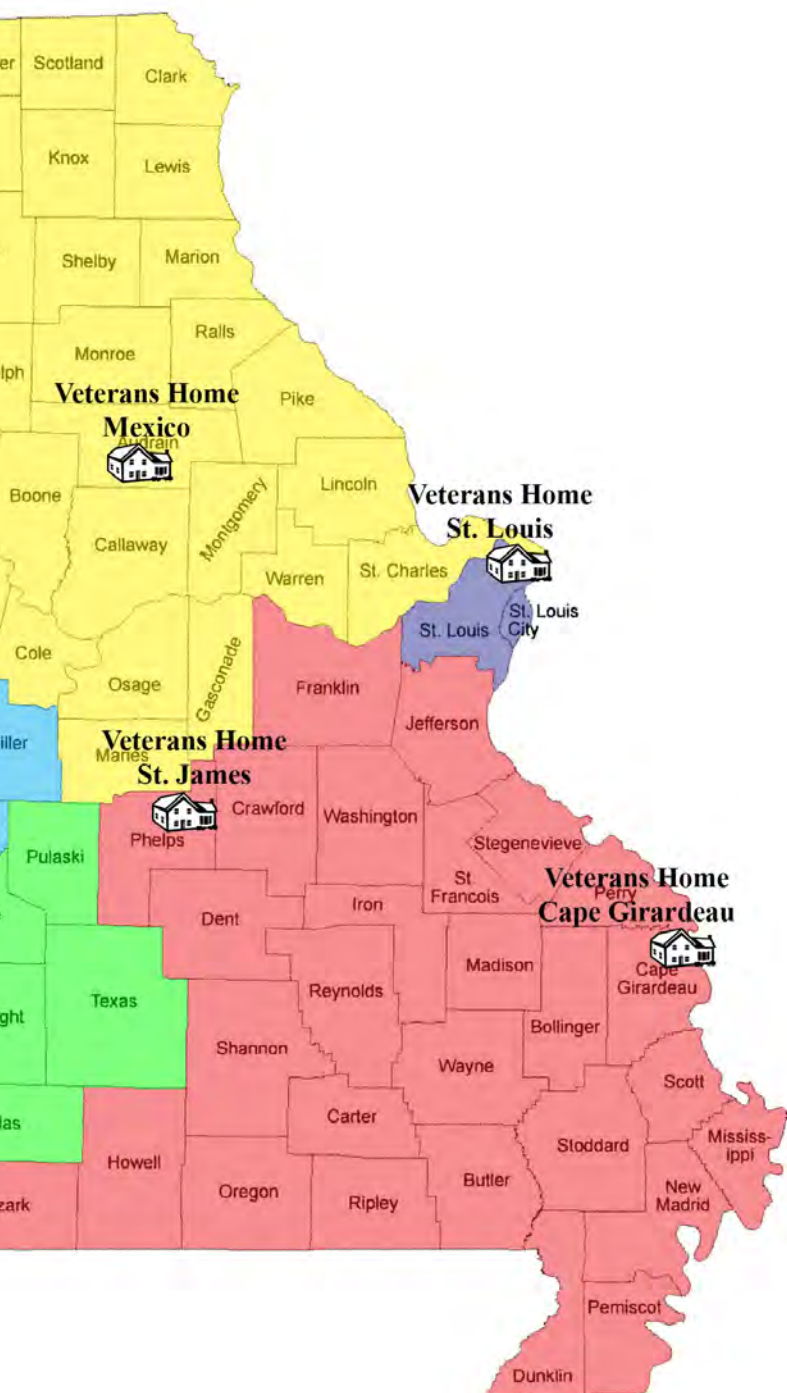
The monthly resident charge is calculated using a sliding scale based on the Veteran’s ability to pay.

To be eligible for admission to a Missouri Veterans Home (RSMo Chapter 42), a Veteran during his or her lifetime must have lived in Missouri for 180 days, meet the criteria for Veteran status established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and require skilled nursing services. Eligibility and admission decisions are made by a team comprised of the Administrator, Physician, Director of Nursing, Social Worker, Veterans Service Officer, and other professionals as needed.



*Picture courtesy Missouri Veterans Home - Cape Girardeau*





## Missouri Veterans Home Locations

### Cameron

1111 Euclid  
Cameron, MO 64429  
816-632-6010

### Mexico

#1 Veterans Drive  
Mexico, MO 65265  
573-581-1088

### St. James

620 N. Jefferson  
St. James, MO 65559  
573-265-3271

### Warrensburg

1300 Veterans Road  
Warrensburg, MO 64093  
660-543-5064

### Cape Girardeau

2400 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
573-290-5870

### Mt. Vernon

1600 S. Hickory  
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712  
417-466-7103

### St. Louis

10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63136  
314-340-6389

## Missouri VA Homeless Veteran Program Coordinators

Each VA Medical Center in Missouri has a Homeless Veterans Coordinator. The Coordinator provides information about the services for homeless Veterans through the Veterans Health Administration. Services include outreach, case management, referrals to benefits counselors, linkage to health care, and housing assistance. Each facility is unique and services vary among each medical center.

Homeless Veterans in need of assistance after hours when the Coordinator is unavailable should contact the VA medical center's emergency room. All VA medical centers can provide referrals to emergency shelter services.

### Columbia

Truman Medical Center  
800 Hospital Drive  
Columbia, MO 65201-5297  
573-814-6648

### Kansas City

KC VA Medical Center  
4801 Linwood Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64128  
816-861-4700 ext. 55412

### St. Louis

Jefferson Barracks Medical Center  
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive  
Saint Louis, MO 63125  
314-652-4100 ext. 55459

### Poplar Bluff

Pershing Medical Center  
1500 N. Westwood Blvd.  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
573-778-4458

### St. Louis

John Cochran Medical Center  
915 North Grand Blvd.  
Saint Louis, MO 63106  
314-652-4100 ext. 55460

### Mt. Vernon

Gene Taylor VA Clinic  
600 N. Main, Room 242  
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712  
417-466-4000 ext. 61276

**VA Homeless Veterans Initiative**

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/>

Phone: 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838)

The VA has a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans to ensure homeless Veterans or Veterans at-risk for homelessness have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. The hotline is intended to assist homeless Veterans and their families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community.

To reach a trained VA responder, call 1-877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838).

- You can call for yourself or a Veteran you know.
- All calls are free and confidential.
- VA has trained responders ready to assist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- VA provides information about programs and services in your area to help you not only end homelessness but also prevent it.

**Missouri Substitute Addresses for Homeless Veterans (RSMo 42.035)**

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a homeless Veteran may use a charitable, religious, fraternal, or Veterans organization as a substitute mailing address to receive state or federal assistance if the organization meets the following:

- The purpose of the organization is to provide charitable, religious, fraternal, or Veterans services
- The organization has been providing these services for more than 10 years
- The organization is willing to be the substitute address for the homeless Veteran.

**Free Criminal Background Checks for Homeless Veterans Employment**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, as the designated Missouri State Identification Bureau, will provide at no cost a criminal background check in connection with gaining employment, housing, or any other service for any homeless former member of the armed forces who has been honorably discharged.

A Veteran who is incarcerated may not be aware of the services and programs that the VA and the Missouri Veterans Commission can provide or coordinate prior to and after leaving prison.

The Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program (IVREP) assists incarcerated Veterans and their families with information and assistance on VA benefits, transitioning back into the community, and works with incarcerated Veterans to reduce the number of VA overpayments while incarcerated.

Incarcerated Veterans within three to six months of release can be referred to a Veterans Service Officer in the community where they will be living who will be able to assist them with their VA benefits.

The IVREP works by linking qualified Veterans with the appropriate services. The goal of the IVREP is to assist in the successful transition back to a productive and healthy lifestyle among community and family.

Jefferson Stewart  
Missouri Veterans Commission  
Incarcerated Veteran Re-Entry Coordinator/Veterans Service Officer  
3675 West Outer Road  
Suite 205 B  
Arnold, MO, 63010  
[www.mvc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov)





## Dept. of Revenue Military Liaison

Phone: 816-236-9440

email: [military@dor.mo.gov](mailto:military@dor.mo.gov)

<http://dor.mo.gov/military/>

The Missouri Department of Revenue has a Military Liaison to assist with questions about Missouri income tax, driver licenses, motor vehicle registrations, and other issues. You may also obtain information about motor vehicle and driver license from the Department by contacting:

Driver License Bureau  
PO Box 200  
Jefferson City, MO 65105-0200  
Telephone: 573-751-2730

Motor Vehicle Bureau  
PO Box 100  
Jefferson City, MO 65105-0100  
Telephone: 573-526-3669

## Driver Documents

### Motorcycle Driving Exam Exemption

An Active Duty Member of the U.S. Armed Forces who successfully completes a military motorcycle rider training course that meets or exceeds the Motorcycle Safety Foundation curriculum standards will not be required to take further driving tests to obtain a motorcycle or motorcycle license or endorsement.

### Commercial Driver Exam (CDL) Exemptions

Missouri allows active duty military or retired military personnel to complete an application for waiver of skills testing to obtain a commercial driver license. Applicant must have a minimum of 60 days active duty driving experience in a commercial motor vehicle for the military (not vehicle training) within the 2 years prior to date of application for waiver. Applicants must still complete the required knowledge examinations for the commercial driver license class being applied for. The application is available on-line or may be faxed upon request or acquired at a local license office.

## Veterans Identification on Driver's License or State I.D. Card

A Veteran may apply to the Department of Revenue to obtain a state driver's license or identification card showing Veteran designation.

To receive the designation a Veteran must provide any of the following and pay the authorized fees for the license or card.:

- Discharge document DD-214, DD-215, WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78 PD, or NAVCG 553 showing a discharge status of "honorable," "general," or "under honorable conditions."
- United States Uniformed Services Identification Card (DD Form 2), that includes a discharge status of "retired" or "reserve retired".
- Department of Veterans Affairs photo identification card.

**NOTE:** Some Veterans may have a discharge document other than those listed above. If you do not have the above documents send a copy of your documentation and contact information to the Missouri Veterans Commission at:

Missouri Veterans Commission

ATTN: Veterans Drivers License Designation

P.O. Drawer 147

Jefferson City MO 65102-0147

The Veterans Commission will review the documentation and determine if the discharge documents meet the criteria as an equivalent document and issue an equivalency letter to you. Upon receipt, you may take the letter to a license office and apply for the Veteran Designation on your driver license or nondriver identification card.



## **Renewal of Driver Documents**

Missouri allows for an early renewal of driver licenses, permits, or non-driver license documents for persons leaving the state or country. An applicant can apply for early renewal at a local license office prior to leaving to ensure the document does not expire while deployed.

Missouri allows renewal by mail for members of the armed forces and their dependents. Applicants should submit renewal form DOR-4317 (available on-line at [www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov) or faxed upon request), along with required documents and fees.

Any Missouri resident upon active duty discharge from the military will have 90 days after re-establishment of residence within the state or 6 months from the date of discharge, whichever is sooner, to renew an expired driver's license without taking the full examination. The expired license is not valid for driving.

## **Driver License Suspensions & Revocations to be Stayed**

Missouri has a process for driver license suspensions and revocations to be stayed in certain cases for members of the armed forces on active duty. The suspensions and revocations will remain in a stayed status until sixty days after the military service ends. For information on how to get your license reinstated or to find out what is on your driver record call (573) 526-2407. You may also access the Missouri Driver Guide on-line.

# Vehicle Documents

## Vehicle Registration Renewal and Required Documents

Military applicants may renew an expired motor vehicle registration up to 60 days after completion of military service without a renewal penalty. The vehicle may not be operated during the period the registration is expired. The applicant must submit official orders from the appropriate military authority as evidence of military service and date of discharge.

## Titling and Inspections

Military applicants may authorize another individual to sign the General Affidavit (DOR-768) indicating the vehicle is out-of-state and will be inspected within ten days of returning to Missouri, if applicable. Power of attorney or a statement from the military applicant allowing the signature is not required.

Military applicants are allowed 180 days from completion of military service before a title penalty is assessed on the purchase of a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, outboard motor, all terrain vehicle, or manufactured home. Military applicants may have a commissioned officer or other out-of-state law enforcement officer sign an inspection form to verify the vehicle identification number (VIN) and odometer reading of a vehicle previously titled out of state (ID/OD inspection).

## Extensions

Any person engaged in the performance of active duty in a U. S. military conflict for 30 days or more will receive an extension for complying with certain motor vehicle laws. Qualified military service includes members of the National Guard, National Guard Reserve, United States Armed Forces or Reserve, or an officer of the United States Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty with any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Active duty military personnel who sell a vehicle and are deployed before a new vehicle can be purchased are allowed an extension of 180 days after return to purchase a vehicle and obtain the tax allowance. A copy of their military orders of completion of deployment must be submitted. This extension also applies to “total loss” vehicle tax credits.

## Specialty Plates

<http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/plates>

Missouri has over 30 different types of military and veteran personalized license plates available to qualified individuals. To preview these specialty plates or read the requirements to obtain them, visit the Missouri Department of Revenue at the above website. Examples include, but are not limited to: Air Force, Navy, Operation Enduring Freedom, National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Civil Air Patrol, Army, Purple Heart, Some Gave All, U.S. Veteran, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Legion of Merit.

Any surviving spouse of an individual who would have been eligible to obtain a United States Armed Forces, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, Reserves, Missouri National Guard, or United States Marine Corps League special license plate may obtain the plate as long as the spouse does not remarry.



### **Certification Renewal Exemption for Disabled Plates & Placards.**

A person who presents proof of permanent disability from the United States Veterans Administration is exempt from the four-year certification requirement for renewal of disabled license plates or placards. Initial applications must include a physician's statement confirming the individual's disability.

### **Liability Insurance Discontinuation**

Active duty military applicants may discontinue liability insurance on a vehicle with an otherwise valid registration, provided that the vehicle is not being operated.

### **Free Parking for Certain Veterans**

**NOTE: By statute, it is up to the local governing authority to approve or comply with the following. Vehicle and parking restrictions are specified in Missouri Statute RSMo 304.725. Please check with your local jurisdiction.**

A Veteran displaying a Congressional Medal of Honor, Prisoner of War, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Coast Guard Cross specialty license plate may park his or her motor vehicle without charge in a metered parking space or in a parking lot or garage on any public college or university in the state of Missouri, except during a special event where a separate parking fee may apply within the authority's jurisdiction if the vehicle is less than 6,000 pounds gross weight.

A Veteran who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Coast Guard Cross, or a Veteran who qualifies for Congressional Medal of Honor, Prisoner of War, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, or Bronze Star specialty plate may apply to the Director of Revenue for a removable windshield placard at no cost to the Veteran which will allow him or her to also park without charge in a metered parking space if the placard is hung from the front, middle rearview mirror or displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side if there is no rearview mirror.

### **Marriage License for Out of State Military**

If one of the applicants for a marriage license has been called or ordered to active military duty out of the state or country, the recorder of deeds may issue a license if an affidavit or sworn statement is submitted by the military applicant on a form furnished by the recorder of deeds which includes the necessary information for the recorder of deeds to issue a marriage license.

The military applicant must attest that she or he has been called or ordered to active military duty out of the state or country, which will be verified by the military applicant's military officer and acknowledged by a notary public.

### **Conceal and Carry Permit Renewal while on Military Duty**

If a concealed carry permit or endorsement expires while the permit holder is on active duty in the Armed Forces, on active state duty, full-time National Guard duty under Title 32, or active duty under Title 10 with the National Guard, or is physically incapacitated due to an injury incurred while in the services of the National Guard or Armed Forces, the permit holder may renew the permit up to 60 days after completion of military service without penalties or fees.



## **Hunting & Fishing Permit Exemptions for Veterans and Active Personnel**

<https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits/hunting-and-fishing-permit-exemptions>

Honorably discharged veterans or active personnel who:

- have service-related disability of 60% or greater
- were a prisoner of war during military service
- are assigned as a patient to a Warrior Transition Brigade, Warrior Transition Unit, or military medical center

May fish and hunt (except deer and turkey) but not trap without permit. When a hunting permit is required (deer, turkey, migratory bird, Conservation Order permits), nonresident veterans who meet the above requirements may purchase resident permits. You must carry a certified statement of eligibility from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or orders showing assignment to a Warrior Transition Brigade or Warrior Transition Unit, or carry admission verification to a military medical center.

## **Resident Permit Qualifications for Military, Veterans, & Federal Employees**

- All members of the U.S. armed forces stationed and residing in Missouri on permanent change of station status and immediate family members residing with them.
- Any member of the U.S. military currently assigned as a patient to a Warrior Transition Brigade, Warrior Transition Unit or a military medical center; must carry orders showing assignment to a Warrior Transition Brigade or Warrior Transition Unit, or admissions verification to a military medical center while hunting and purchasing permits.
- Missouri residents employed by the United States in the District of Columbia or serving in the U.S. armed forces. (Immediate family members who reside with them also may purchase resident permits.)

## Guard and Reserve Small Game Hunting & Fishing Permit

<https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits/special-fishing-and-hunting-permits>

For residents of Missouri who are currently, or have in the previous twelve (12) months, been mobilized and serving on full-time active military duty in either the National Guard (in Federal Status) or Reserve forces of the United States to chase, pursue, take, possess and transport fish, frogs, mussels, clams, turtles, crayfish, live bait, birds (except wild turkey) and mammals (except deer), and to sell furbearers taken by hunting.

Fee: five dollars (\$5).

### Conservation area accessibility

The Department of Conservation is working to remove barriers that prevent people with disabilities from enjoying the outdoors. Throughout the state, construction of new facilities and renovations at older properties are providing access to Conservation Department areas, buildings, and shooting ranges.

Visit <https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/find-places-go-mo/accessible-outdoors> to learn more.



*Picture by Tammy Smith, Missouri Veterans Cemetery-Bloomfield*

## Missouri Veteran Awards Program

<http://www.moguard.com/veteran-awards>

The Veterans Awards Program provides a medal, medallion, and certificate to Missouri residents who served in the following conflicts: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. World War II Veterans who participated in the D-Day Invasion of Europe are also eligible to receive a replica of the Jubilee of Liberty medal. Missouri National Guard members may also apply for these medals whether or not they were residents of Missouri. Veterans, spouses of Veterans, or the eldest living survivor of Veterans who meet the requirements can apply.

Office of the Adjutant General

Veterans Awards

P.O. Box 1808

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: (573) 638-9561



*World War II*



*World War II  
Jubilee of Liberty*



*Korea*



*Vietnam*

## Replacement of Medals

Requests for the issuance or replacement of military service medals, decorations, and awards should be directed to the specific branch of the military in which the Veteran served. A Veterans Service Officer can assist in filing for replacement medals or awards.

## Unclaimed Military Medals and Awards

Missouri State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division

Phone: (573) 751-0123

<http://www.Treasurer.mo.gov/Military>

The contents of unclaimed safe deposit boxes are turned over to the Treasurer's office that may include military medals and insignia. In 2013, legislation was passed that allows the Treasurer to post the names and last known addresses of the safe deposit box owners from which the medals were found to return to the heroes who earned them or their families.

## Military Records Request

National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records

1 Archives Drive

St. Louis, Missouri 63138

Phone: 314-801-0800 <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/>

The NPRC-MPR holds the military personnel, health, & medical records of all discharged and deceased Veterans in the 20th century. NPRC-MPR also stores medical records of retirees from all services, as well as records for dependent & other persons treated at naval medical facilities. Information from the records is made available upon written request to the extent allowed by law.

## Missouri National Guard Archive

<http://www.moguard.com/veteran-services/>

Phone: 573-638-9683 or 573-638-9890

The Missouri National Guard Archives receive and maintain official military files on all retired or discharged Missouri National Guard members and Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for all Missouri Veterans that designated Missouri as their home of record at the time of discharge from 1942 to present date.

## State Military Records Archive

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/soldiers/>

The archives hold military records of Missourians who served in domestic and foreign wars between 1812 and World War I and includes individual service cards, payrolls, muster and descriptive rolls, reports, orders, and reparation claims.

## Memorial Designation Program

<http://www.modot.org/services/MemorialDesignationPrograms.htm>

Under certain conditions, and within specific guidelines, Missouri highways and bridges can be named after individuals (deceased 2 years) or events. Go to the MoDOT website for directions, forms and applications needed to begin the process, which must be approved and voted upon by the Missouri Legislature. The current fee for two standard (6' x 3') signs is \$2,400 due with submission of the application.

## Heroes Way Interchange Program

<http://www.modot.org/services/MemorialDesignationPrograms.htm>

This program allows for interstate and state-numbered highway interchanges to be designated for Missouri residents who were in the armed forces and had been killed in action on or after September 11, 2001 in either Afghanistan or Iraq while serving the military. The memorial signs will be installed within the interchange on the right side of the highway, one sign per each travel direction. The current fee for two standard (6' x 3') signs is \$2,400 due with submission of the application.



### Flags at Half-Staff

The United States flag and the Missouri state flag are flown at half-staff on all government buildings for one full day, as determined by the Governor, whenever a Missouri resident and member of the military forces is killed in the line of duty.

### Museum of Missouri Military History

Located at the Ike Skelton Training Center, this museum houses exhibits beginning from 1808, the activation date of the Missouri Militia. Exhibits continue from the War of 1812 to the Global War on Terror. Closed all major holidays. Free admission.

Museum of Missouri Military History

2405 Logistics Road

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Phone: 573-638-9603

Monday – Saturday 10:00 AM -4:00 PM

Admission: Free Admission

### Missouri Veterans History Project

<http://mvhp.net>

1400 Forum Blvd., Ste. 1C, Box 461

Columbia, MO 65203

[info@MVHP.net](mailto:info@MVHP.net)

Missouri has over 434,000 military Veterans living in the state today.

Each has an experience and a story to tell that can benefit us all.

However, each day more of our military Veterans pass away and their stories go with them. Missouri Veterans History Project collects these stories from our Veterans and displays them for the benefit of our Veterans, our state and our country. The program is open to all men and women currently residing in Missouri who have served in any branch of the United States military.

Minority Veterans are often unaware of available benefits, and Minority Veterans Outreach initiatives are a contact source that can give them guidance and assistance in informing them about Veterans benefits and encourage them to work with a Veterans Service Officer to apply for those benefits.

## Missouri Veterans Commission Minority Veterans Coordinator

Rebecca Bradley  
 1601 E. 18th, Suite 160  
 Kansas City, MO 64108  
 816-889-2050  
[Rebecca.Bradley@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Bradley@mvc.dps.mo.gov)  
<http://mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/minority>

## U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Minority Veterans Coordinators

St. Louis VA Regional Office  
 9700 Page Ave.  
 St. Louis, MO 63132  
 800-827-1000

St. Louis VA Medical Center  
 915 North Grand Blvd.  
 Saint Louis, MO 63106  
 314-289-6476

Truman VA Medical Center  
 800 Hospital Drive  
 Columbia, MO 65201-5297  
 573-814-6316

Pershing Medical Center  
 1500 N. Westwood Blvd.  
 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
 573-778-4726

Kansas City VA Medical Center  
 4801 Linwood Blvd  
 Kansas City, MO 64128  
 816-861-4700, ext 56050

Jefferson Barracks Nat. Cemetery  
 2900 Sheridan Road  
 St. Louis, MO 63125  
 314-845-8320





The Veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program provides information to Veterans, Service Members and their Families by developing innovative ways to seek out and inform Missouri's Veterans about benefits and services that are available to them from federal and state agencies and local supportive organizations. The Veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program concentrates its efforts on developing partnerships with key stakeholders and agency and organization partners who participate in outreach events statewide to help expand Missouri Veterans' knowledge of benefits and resources available to them and their families.

In addition to developing agency and organization partnerships and providing unique outreach opportunities to Veterans, the Veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program handles all inquiries that are not addressed by one of the core programs offered by the Missouri Veterans Commission. The team members work with Veterans who have extraordinary needs by determining the best appropriate agency or organization to help fill that need and ensure a proper referral and connection for that Veteran.

Please contact the Veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program for Missouri Veterans Commission Outreach events near you.

Melissa Wilding  
 Outreach & Advocacy Director  
 Missouri Veterans Commission  
 205 Jefferson Street, 12th Floor  
 Jefferson City, MO 65101  
 573-522-4061

[Melissa.wilding@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Melissa.wilding@mvc.dps.mo.gov)

Jamie Talken  
 Veterans Resource Coordinator  
 Missouri Veterans Commission  
 205 Jefferson Street, 12th Floor  
 Jefferson City, MO 65101  
 573-522-4220

[Jamie.talken@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Jamie.talken@mvc.dps.mo.gov)



## Dept. of Revenue Military Liaison

Phone: 816-236-9440

email: [military@dor.mo.gov](mailto:military@dor.mo.gov)

<http://dor.mo.gov/military/>

The Missouri Department of Revenue has a Military Liaison to assist military personnel with questions about Missouri income tax and other issues. You may also obtain information about Missouri taxes from the Department by contacting:

Taxation Division

PO Box 2200

Jefferson City, MO 65105-2200

Phone: (573) 751-3505

### **Income Tax Deduction for Military Retirement Pension**

Beginning January 1, 2016, all military retirement pension income will be 100% deductible from Missouri Income Tax. (RSMo 143.124)

### **Income Tax Deduction for National Guard and Reserves**

Beginning January 2020, 20% of income received in performance of Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) of the National Guard, Annual Training Status (AT) of the National Guard, or in reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States will be exempt from Missouri state taxes. This deduction will increase 20% annually until January 2024 when all National Guard or reserve component military income will be tax free. (RSMO 143.175)

### **Property Tax Exempt for Total Service-Connected Disabled POWs**

<http://dor.mo.gov/personal/>

573-751-3505

Any citizen of Missouri who is a former Prisoner of War as defined by law, and who has a total service-connected disability, shall be exempt from owing taxes on all real property used as a homestead as defined by law.

## **Missouri State Income Tax Exemption for Active Duty Members**

RSMo 143.174

Any military income earned as compensation for being a member of the active duty component of the armed forces may be deducted from the person's Missouri adjusted gross income to determine that individual's Missouri taxable income.

## **Property Tax Receipt Waiver for Out of State Military**

Military applicants who did not receive their renewal notice and are stationed outside of the state of Missouri are eligible for waiver of their property tax receipt verification requirement if the applicant provides a Leave and Earnings Statement which does NOT indicate Missouri as his or her home of record.

## **Personal Property Tax Credit**

<http://dor.mo.gov/personal/ptc/>

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim gives credit to certain senior citizens and certain 100 percent disabled individuals for a portion of the real estate taxes or rent paid for the year.

If you are 100 percent disabled as a result of military service, you are not required to include your veteran payments and benefits when filling out the tax credit application. You must attach a letter from the Veterans Administration that states you are 100 percent disabled as a result of military service.

The credit is for a maximum of \$750 for renters and \$1,100 for owners who owned and occupied their home. The actual credit is based on the amount of real estate taxes or rent paid and total household income (taxable and nontaxable). If you rent from a facility that does not pay property taxes, you are not eligible for a Property Tax Credit.

## **Sales Tax Exemption for Equipment to Modify Vehicles for Use by Individuals with Disabilities**

Equipment purchased to modify a vehicle to be used by an individual with disabilities is exempt from sales tax. To receive the exemption, the applicant when titling the vehicle at Department of Revenue or a License Office must present an invoice or other documentation showing the vehicle and equipment price separately in order for the equipment to be exempt. Specifically, 144.030.2(18), RSMo provides an exemption for "items used solely to modify motor vehicles to permit the use of such motor vehicles by individuals with disabilities."



TRICARE is the Department of Defense's worldwide health care program available to eligible beneficiaries from any of the seven uniformed services—the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Eligibility for TRICARE is determined by information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). For eligibility, enrollment, cost, and coverage details, visit [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) or contact your regional contractor.

TRICARE beneficiaries can be divided into two main categories: sponsors and family members. Sponsors are usually active duty service members, National Guard/Reserve members or retired service members. "Sponsor," refers to the person who is serving or who has served on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserves.

Depending on your beneficiary category and location, you may be eligible for different program options. Your options may change if you move, if your sponsor changes location or status, or if you have a life event such as getting married or becoming entitled to Medicare Part A. For assistance with health care coverage when moving or traveling, contact your regional contractor.

TRICARE in Missouri falls under the TRICARE West Region except for the St. Louis area which is under TRICARE East Region.

TRICARE West Region  
Health Net Federal Services, LLC  
1-844-866-WEST (1-844-866-9378)  
[www.tricare-west.com](http://www.tricare-west.com)

TRICARE East Region  
Humana Military  
1-800-444-5445  
[HumanaMilitary.com](http://HumanaMilitary.com)  
[www.tricare-east.com](http://www.tricare-east.com)

If you are a service member, retiree, or dependent, DEERS registration is the key to getting your TRICARE benefits eligibility established.

### **Registration in DEERS**

Eligibility for TRICARE is determined by the uniformed services and reported to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). All eligible beneficiaries must have their eligibility status recorded in DEERS.

Active-duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, but they must take action to register their family members and ensure they're correctly entered into the database. Mistakes in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information.

### **ID Cards**

To use TRICARE, you must be registered in DEERS and have a valid uniformed services or military identification (ID) card. The ID card states on the back, in the "Medical" block, whether you are eligible for medical care from military or civilian sources.

When getting care, your provider will ask to see a copy of your ID card and will make copies for his or her records. Please ensure you have your ID card with you whenever you are getting care or having prescriptions filled

Listed below are Missouri Guard DEERS Offices. There may be an Active Duty or Reserve unit DEERS office closer to you. You can locate them by visiting: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/>

### **Missouri Guard DEERS Offices**

Cape Girardeau 573-339-6204, ext. 16270	Lexington 660-638-9500, ext. 13623
Fort Leonard Wood 573-638-9500, ext. 39111	Sedalia 573-638-9500, ext. 34020
Jefferson City 573-638-9500, ext. 37731	St. Louis-Jefferson Barracks 314-416-6619
Kansas City 816-922-5038	St. Joseph 816-236-3330

## **Missouri Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal**

<http://momilitaryvote.com>

Military and overseas voters can take advantage of the Missouri Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and receive an absentee ballot quickly and securely.

Using the Missouri Military and Overseas Voting Access Portal, eligible voters who submit an absentee ballot request through the portal will receive an absentee ballot for each election in which absentee voting is conducted through December 31 of the following year. Voters located in combat zone, hostile fire or imminent danger areas will also be able to securely send their marked ballots to their local election authority.

**Eligibility:** A member of the U.S. Uniformed Services, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; a member of the U.S. merchant marines; spouses and dependents of the above; a U.S. citizen domiciled in Missouri but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States. Missouri requires voters to be registered at least thirty days prior to an election in order to vote a full ballot (includes local and state issues). Military and overseas voters are also welcome to use the regular registration and absentee mail process available to all voters away from home on Election Day.

### **Registering to Vote After Deadline**

If you have been discharged from military service, have returned from a military deployment or activation, or have separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States after the deadline to register to vote, and are otherwise qualified to register to vote, you may register to vote in person before the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election, providing documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late registration. You may also vote on Election Day without prior registration for federal and state issues at your polling place with a federal postcard application. For eligibility requirements call 573-751-2301.

### **Candidate Filing for Elections while on Active Duty**

A candidate on active duty with the armed forces may have a representative draw for his or her placement on an election ballot. Previously, the candidate had to draw for placement on the ballot in person.

Women Veterans initiatives ensures that Women Veterans have equitable access to federal and state Veterans services and ensure Women Veterans are aware of their VA benefits, know who to contact, and how to apply for these benefits.

### **Missouri Veterans Commission Women Veterans Coordinator**

Toni Swizdor  
620 N. Jefferson Street  
St. James, MO 65559  
573-265-3271 ext. 245  
<http://mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/women>

### **U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Coordinators**

St. Louis VA Regional Office  
400 South, 18th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
Phone: 1-800-827-1000

Fayetteville, AR  
Veterans HCS of the Ozarks  
1100 North College Avenue  
Fayetteville, AR 72703  
479-443-4301 Ext. 65321

St. Louis Medical Center  
1 Jefferson Barracks Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63125  
314-289-7676

Leavenworth, KS  
Eisenhower VA Medical Center  
4101 4th Street Trafficway  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
785-350-3111 ext. 54569

Kansas City Medical Center  
4251 Northern Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64133  
816-861-4700 ext. 52493

Truman VA Medical Center  
800 Hospital Drive  
Columbia, MO 65201-5297  
573-814-6000 ext. 56457

Pershing Medical Center  
1500 N. Westwood Blvd.  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901  
573-778-4398



**The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP)** provides information, services, referral, and proactive outreach programs to Service Members of the Reserve and Guard components through all phases of the deployment cycle. The goal of YRRP is to prepare Service Members and families for mobilization, sustain families during mobilization, and reintegrate Soldiers with their families, communities, and employers upon redeployment or REFRAD. For more information about your unit's Yellow Ribbon program, please contact your unit.

**Family Assistance Centers** are designed to assist the families of service members during training or mobilization. A Family Assistance Center provides resources to help family members cope with any issue they encounter as a military dependant.

Statewide Coordinator	573-638-9500, ext. 39688
Cape Girardeau	573-339-6206, ext. 16206
Jefferson City (Blue Armory)	573-659-1600, ext. 31626
Jefferson City (ISTS)	573-638-9500, ext. 39688
Kansas City	816-922-5000, ext. 35106
Macon	660-385-1167, ext. 13716
Sedalia	816-559-4100, ext. 34196
Springfield	417-868-6024, ext. 36024
St. Louis	314-832-1158, ext. 13008



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# Important Federal, State, & Military Dates

*\*Indicates Day Recognized in Missouri State Statute*

New Year's Day (January 1st)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Third Monday in January)  
Lincoln's Birthday (February 12th)  
President's Day (Third Monday in February)  
Coast Guard Reserve Established (February 19th)  
Navy Reserve Established (March 3rd)  
\*Veterans of Operation Iraq/Enduring Freedom Day (March 26th)  
\*Vietnam Veterans Day (March 30th)  
\*Prisoners of War Remembrance Day (April 9th)  
Air Force Reserve Established (April 14th)  
\*Patriots Day-American Revolution (April 19th)  
Army Reserve Established (April 23rd)  
\*Silver Star Families of America Day (May 1st)  
V-E Day (May 8th)  
Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)  
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)  
D-Day (June 6th)  
Merchant Marine War Service Established (June 12th)  
Flag Day (June 14th)  
U.S. Army Established (June 14th)  
Independence Day (July 4th)  
Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (July 27th)  
Coast Guard Established (August 4th)  
Marine Corps Reserve Established (August 29th)  
V-J Day (September 2nd)  
Patriot Day 9/11 (September 11th)  
U.S. Air Force Established (September 18th)  
Air National Guard Established (September 18th)  
POW/MIA Recognition Day (Third Friday of September)  
Gold Star Mother's Day (Last Sunday of September)  
U.S. Navy Established (October 13th)  
U.S. Marine Corps Established (November 10th)  
Veteran's Day (November 11th)  
Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7th)  
National Guard Established (December 13th)  
Christmas (December 25th)



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